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## Clinton makes campaign stop for Obama in Omaha



Hillary Clinton speaks to a crowd of 3,200 at the Qwest Center in Omaha on Tuesday afternoon. (JARED WESTBROOK/ THE GATEWAY)

**SCOTT STEWART**  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

It's not often that Nebraska matters in presidential politics. The last time any of the state's electoral votes went to a Democrat was in 1964 with President Johnson's crushing defeat of Barry Goldwater, who won only six states.

This year, however, Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District is in play because of the unique way Nebraska splits its electoral votes.

Every state except Nebraska and Maine are "winner take all" — with all of the state's electoral votes going to whichever presidential ticket carries the most votes. But the candidate who receives the most votes in the Omaha metropolitan area could take with him one of Nebraska's five electoral votes.

"Now we are two weeks away from a historic election," Mayor Mike Fahey said Tuesday. "Nebraska is poised to put Sen. Obama over the top."

That's why Sen. Hillary Clinton held a rally Tuesday afternoon in Omaha's Qwest Center to relay Democratic presidential candidate Sen. Barack Obama's message of hope and change to a crowd of about 3,200, campaign organizers estimated.

"With your help, Barack Obama can carry this congressional district," Clinton said. "Your vote could make the difference in Nebraska, and Nebraska could make the difference in this election."

Clinton had been campaigning in the battleground state of Florida, where early voting began Monday.

Obama and Clinton appeared together in Orlando before Obama went to campaign Tuesday in southern Florida.

Obama will temporarily leave the campaign trail Thursday to fly to Hawaii to be at the side of his ailing 85-year-old grandmother, aides said Monday night.

In Omaha, Clinton again thanked her supporters in the primaries and encouraged her followers to show the same commitment to volunteering for Obama. Clinton also thanked Nebraskans for the "kind and warm welcome" shown to her daughter, Chelsea, who made campaign stops for her mother at UNL and Creighton University in February.

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## Ayers speech announcement stirs controversy, cancellation at UNL campus over weekend

**SCOTT STEWART**  
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A political controversy exploded around an announcement Thursday that William Ayers would give a keynote address at a UNL research conference next month. The event was canceled Friday night after UNL officials cited safety concerns.

"The university's threat assessment group monitored e-mails and other information UNL received regarding Ayers' scheduled Nov. 15 visit, and identified safety concerns which resulted in the university canceling the event," a UNL press release said.

Ayers, a distinguished professor of curriculum and instructor at the University of Illinois at Chicago, was scheduled to give a talk on Nov. 15 titled "We are Each Other's Keepers: Research to Change the World," according to a UNL press release. The talk was going to be part of a weekend conference to commemorate the UNL College of Education and Human Sciences centennial celebration.

In the late 1960s and early '70s, Ayers belonged to the radical anti-war group Weather Underground, which advocated violence and placed bombs at the Pentagon and the Capitol. This election season, Ayers has been the subject of controversy because of his association with presidential candidate Barack Obama.

During the final presidential debate last week,

Republican nominee John McCain demanded to know the full relationship between Obama and Ayers.

Obama explained that their relationship was slight and insisted: "Mr. Ayers is not involved in my campaign. He has never been involved in this campaign. And he will not advise me in the White House. So that's Mr. Ayers."

Ayers' visit was for scholarly research only, not politics, Marjorie Kostelnik, dean of the college, said in a statement. No state money was going to



WILLIAM AYERS

be used for the private lecture, and no students or faculty were going to be required to attend.

"The controversy that has erupted during the election is unfortunate but it is not part of what he is asked here to Nebraska to discuss," Kostelnik said. "Ayers was selected for the lecture in February by a faculty committee because of his expertise in research related

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## Hagel gives unique perspective at Democracy Matters lecture

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The rainy Tuesday evening was a time to shine for the new College of Public Affairs and Community Service Building as the college hosted Sen. Chuck Hagel as the inaugural speaker in the Democracy Matters town hall discussion series.

Hagel is in his 12th and final year in the U.S. Senate. He said the intent behind his remarks was "to share some of my observations over those 12 years about our democracy."

Hagel is known for crossing the aisle and emphasized the importance of working with both Democrats and Republicans to solve problems in Washington.

"Bipartisan consensus must be the focus of leadership in any democratic institution that seeks to govern," Hagel said in prepared remarks.

Towards the end of his remarks, Hagel referred to the name of the lecture series: "It's the democratic process through democratic

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## Campus makes final push for voter registration

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Campus groups made the final push to get students registered to vote last week, and efforts persisted through Friday to remind students they can still go register.

The Rock the Vote tour bus visited campus on Oct. 15, along with acoustic performer Pete Yorn. Tour member Chad Schilit said the bus drew "pretty good numbers" of people walking around and about 30 registrants in a period of two hours.

Schilit said a lot of students had already registered, since the cutoff for registering by mail or at state agencies and motor vehicle offices was Oct. 17.

Taking place at the same time as the Rock the Vote bus were two events held by local Democrats trying to draw support for their candidates.

Representatives of the Barack Obama, Scott Kleeb and Jim Esch campaigns were on hand by the Henningson Memorial Campanile by the Rock the Vote bus to rally supporters and encourage students to volunteer with the campaigns.

Jessica McCreight, a field staffer for the Kleeb



Pete Yorn performs at the Rock the Vote bus near the Henningson Memorial Campanile on Wednesday afternoon. (SCOTT STEWART/THE GATEWAY)

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## CRIME LOG

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Saturday, Oct. 11

**11:57 a.m.** While on patrol of Maverick Village, Campus Security heard suspicious noises. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations. Five students were referred for disciplinary action.

**1:30 a.m.** While on patrol of Lot J, Campus Security heard suspicious noises. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations. Three students were referred for disciplinary action.

**1:59 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot J resulting in the suspect fleeing Lot J on foot. A Campus Security officer pursued the suspect on foot. The suspect assaulted the officer. Omaha police responded and apprehended the suspect. Further investigation revealed felony vandalism to a student's vehicle. The suspect was arrested by Omaha police for felony vandalism and misdemeanor assault.

**2:08 a.m.** Campus Security responded to a call from University Village. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. Three students were referred for disciplinary action.

**4:01 a.m.** While on patrol of Lot J, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations. Omaha police were called. One student was cited for procuring alcohol for minors. One student was cited for minor in possession. A third student was referred, along with the first two students, for disciplinary action.

**4:52 a.m.** While on patrol of Scott Village, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations. Five students were referred for disciplinary action.

**5:50 a.m.** While on patrol of the Lot J access road, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity. Further investigation disclosed an intoxicated student. The student was escorted to their room at University Village and referred for disciplinary action.

Sunday, Oct. 12

**12:27 a.m.** While responding to another call at Maverick Village, Campus Security responded to a noise complaint. Further investigation disclosed a resident in possession of drug paraphernalia. One student was referred for disciplinary action.

**12:30 a.m.** While on patrol of University Village, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. Two students were referred for disciplinary action.

**12:50 a.m.** While on patrol of University Village, Campus Security smelled a suspicious odor. Further investigation disclosed a drug violation and alcohol violations. One student was referred for disciplinary action for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Five students were referred for disciplinary action for alcohol violations.

**2:13 a.m.** While on patrol of Scott Village, Campus Security heard suspicious noises. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations. Omaha police responded. Six students were cited for minor in possession. Three visitors were cited for minor in possession.

**3:20 a.m.** While on foot patrol of University Village, Campus Security heard suspicious noises. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations. Omaha police were on campus and cited four students and one visitor for minor in possession.

Monday, Oct. 13

**2:20 p.m.** A contractor reported the theft of personal property from the tennis court area. The incident occurred between 2 p.m. and 2:10 p.m.

**2:33 p.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity on University Drive South. Campus Security officers made contact with the driver of the suspicious vehicle. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. Omaha police were notified and responded. The suspect was arrested for driving under the influence and referred for disciplinary action.

Wednesday, Oct. 15

**12:41 a.m.** Campus Security was dispatched to University Village regarding a complaint of a drug and alcohol party. Further investigation located alcohol but no drugs. Residents of the suite exchanged accusations of assault. Omaha police were requested. The police informed residents there was insufficient evidence for an arrest. Complainants would have to file a complaint at the city prosecutor's office.

Friday, Oct. 17

**2:30 a.m.** While on patrol of University Village, Campus Security observed suspicious activity. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations. Omaha police responded. One student and two visitors were cited for minor in possession. Two students tested negative. All three students were referred for disciplinary action.

Saturday, Oct. 18

**11:50 p.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity. Further investigation disclosed two non-affiliated visitors as minors in possession. Omaha police, while on patrol, stopped and checked with Campus Security. They cited the two visitors for minor in possession.

**12:05 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity at Scott Village. Further investigation disclosed one student under the influence. The student was escorted back to his room.

**1:45 a.m.** While on patrol of the parking structure at University Drive South, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity. Further investigation disclosed one student and one visitor with alcohol violations. The student was referred for disciplinary action.

**2:15 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity at University Village. Further investigation disclosed two visitors with drug and alcohol violations. Omaha police were requested. Upon their arrival, one suspect was cited for procuring for minors. The second suspect was cited for minor in possession and possession of drug paraphernalia. Both suspects were ban and barred from campus.

Sunday, Oct. 19

**11:31 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot H. Further investigation disclosed a drug

violation. Omaha police were on campus and responded. One student was cited for possession of drug paraphernalia.

**12:30 a.m.** While on patrol of University Village, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity. Further investigation disclosed two students and four visitors as minors in possession. Omaha police were notified but were not able to respond. Two students were referred for disciplinary action.

**1:30 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot 9. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations involving one student and two visitors. Omaha police responded. One student and two visitors were cited for minor in possession.

**2 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity in Lot J. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations and trespassing. Omaha police responded and cited one student for minor in possession and one visitor for minor in possession and trespassing. The visitor was escorted off campus.

**3:57 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security witnessed suspicious activity at University Village. Further investigation disclosed drug violations. Omaha police were already on campus and were summoned. One student was cited for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Four visitors were issued ban and bar notices. Four students were referred for disciplinary action.

Monday, Oct. 20

**12:15 a.m.** While on patrol, Campus Security heard suspicious activity near University Village. Further investigation disclosed alcohol violations. Omaha police responded. Three students and six visitors were issued minor in possession citations. One of the visitors was issued a ban and bar notice. Assistant Manager of Campus Security Paul Kosel said the students were referred for disciplinary action.

**3:39 a.m.** While responding to another incident, Campus Security smelled a suspicious odor at Maverick Village. Further investigation disclosed drug and alcohol violations. Omaha police responded. One student was cited for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. Two students were cited for minor in possession and possession of a controlled substance. One visitor was cited for minor in possession. Kosel said the students were referred for disciplinary action.

Tuesday, Oct. 21

**2:21 a.m.** While on patrol of University Village, Campus Security investigated suspicious noises. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. Three students were referred for disciplinary action.

**2:49 a.m.** While on patrol of University Village, Campus Security investigated suspicious noises. Further investigation disclosed an alcohol violation. Three students were referred for disciplinary action.

**8:45 a.m.** A staff member of Milo Bail Student Center reported the theft of university property. The incident occurred at 3:28 p.m. on Oct. 1.

**9:45 a.m.** A staff member of Milo Bail Student Center reported the theft of university property. The incident occurred at 5:04 p.m. on Oct. 6.

## FOR THE RECORD

In the Oct. 14 issue story "Nader campaign makes stop on south campus," the person who held a "reverse auction" to raise funds for the Nader campaign was misidentified as Nebraska campaign coordinator Aaron Lotz. Lotz, however,

did not attend the rally. Matthew Zawisky, a traveling member of Nader's national campaign, was the person running the reverse auction.

Also in the Oct. 14 issue, in the story "UNO and Beyond" exhibit features alumni

artists," the hours of the UNO Art Gallery were incorrect. The hours are noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday; noon to 8 p.m. on Thursday; and closed on Saturday, Sunday and Monday. The exhibit "UNO and Beyond" runs through Nov. 4.



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campaign, said she believed students were very politically awake and the Democratic campaigns wanted to get them excited for their candidates.

"We're trying to reach out to college students on all the campuses," McCreight said. "It's just so important to get young people involved."

Volunteers were being actively recruited by the Obama campaign. Laura Baumgartner, a volunteer for Obama, said they recruited about 45 volunteers while trying to maintain a Democratic presence by the Rock the Vote bus.

Another Democratic event took place in the Pep Bowl while the Rock the Vote bus was registering voters. At a table burning incense and playing John Lennon's "Imagine," members of the UNO College Democrats sold Obama T-shirts to tie-die for \$10 each.

Trisha Clark, president of the College Democrats, said the group had sold 70 shirts earlier in the campaign, but purchased another 100 after selling out so quickly. Clark said the event was already planned by the time the Rock the Vote bus was announced.

Last week also saw a voter registration effort by Nebraska Matters at UNO, which was co-sponsored by The Gateway. Megan Heckenlively with Nebraska Matters said she and two volunteers received about 100 registrations in the Plaza just south of the Milo Bail Student Center.

"It was a good experience. Most of the students were receptive," Heckenlively said.

A lot of students realize the election is important, Heckenlively said to explain why she got such a large response. Young voters have been engaged and mobilized recently in both the national and local races.

UNO's Student Government has also gotten election fever with its recent efforts to raise voter awareness and encourage young voters to turn out at the polls.

In an effort led by Nebraska Secretary of State John Gale, two representatives each from UNO, UNL and UNK have formed a College Student Advisory Committee to meet regularly for discussions.

"We want to encourage the

students to be active citizens at all levels," Gale said. "This includes voting, performing community service, becoming community leaders and holding public office."

In September, the committee held a symposium to promote civic involvement by Nebraska college students.

"It was a really good event," said Conner Holt, a student senator and member of the committee. "All of the people who spoke, you know, they were there for the right reasons and to make a better Nebraska."

Bethany Ragan, Student Government's Legislative and Public Affairs Officer and member of the committee, said the point of the committee was to get people to think about the issues and look into what they're voting for.

"We are raising awareness," Ragan said.

Holt said the committee hopes to make itself into a sustainable organization and not just stop its efforts once the election is over.

"The most immediate plans we have here is to do a push for the [Omaha] mayor election in '09," Holt said.

Still, the election is the group's primary focus. Their current efforts include putting signs across campus encouraging students to visit [www.collegevote.ne.gov](http://www.collegevote.ne.gov), a Web site with voter information specifically geared for college students.

"A presidential election is always a big event for American citizens," Gale said in a statement. "There are many other important races as well on this ballot, so I would encourage eligible citizens to register to vote and cast their ballots in the election."

Today, Oct. 24, is the last day to register to vote in person by 6 p.m. at the county election office. Douglas County's office is located at 225 N. 115th St. in Omaha, and Sarpy County's office is located 1261 Golden Gate Drive Suite 6E in Papillion.

Nebraskans can check their voter registration status online by visiting [www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov](http://www.votercheck.necvr.ne.gov). At the Web site, visitors can also look up polling places and search provisional ballots.

## UNO study: Nebraska's economy thrives with immigrants in workforce

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Nebraska's economy would not be the way it is today without an immigrant workforce, a UNO study found.

Immigrant production injected about \$1.6 billion through the creation of more than 11,000 jobs in Nebraska while generating nearly \$154 million in state taxes, according to the report. Conversely, approximately \$12.1 billion would be lost in production if immigrant workers did not exist, while more than 35,000 jobs would be eliminated, especially in the Omaha area.

"One of the reasons for the state's increase in population and employment is because of foreign-born population," said Jerry Deichert, a contributor to the report and director of the UNO Center for Public Affairs Research. "Without the foreign-born population, the population would not be growing as rapidly as it has, and that has repercussions."

The report indicated meat processing, slaughtering, ranching and farming would be the hardest hit industries without immigrant workers, with a loss in excess of \$5 million in total production. The janitorial and hospitality industry would see less impact, losing approximately \$95 million.

Lourdes Gouveia, report contributor and director of UNO's Office of Latino/Latin American Studies, said with the reduced young workforce resulting from the 1980s farm crisis and an aging farm population, the introduction of immigrant workers has curtailed a serious economic debacle, especially in rural areas. Immigration officials' attitudes toward this influx of workers, however, could prompt the exodus of immigrants from the area.

"What if 25 percent, 50 percent, 100 percent would leave because immigrants found it not to their advantage anymore to be in Nebraska or because immigration officials decided they were going to crack down on their families?" Gouveia said. "Even

if they're documented or not, you don't just easily target undocumented [immigrants]. Entire families leave. Families are often very mixed-status families. During the 1930s, we saw a very serious decline of Mexican Americans in the state because the climate became very hostile."

Deichert said delineating between documented and undocumented immigrants and each group's affects on the area's economy interests researchers.

"That's one of the things that's very difficult to do," Deichert said.

The simple conclusion, however, is the influx of immigrants has brought more youth into the state's workforce.

"There is a large immigrant population in the state, in the nation and the region," Deichert said. "A lot of young [and] new employees are from that source."

Gouveia said the report's usefulness in the business and civic community is to help with the betterment of the region, especially where human rights and social justice are concerned.

"We do research that is useful to advance this state and community's goals of growth, integration [and] community quality of life," Gouveia said. "We also wanted to show that while there's an enormous contribution immigrants are making to this state, there is a disconnect between that and the rights of equality — the human rights, the labor rights, the rights to work without living in constant fear — that are being denied to immigrants in the state of Nebraska today."

She said the problem is not the increase of the foreign-born population. The problem is how they are treated in the nation and state.

"What we have here is a not an immigration problem," Gouveia said. "We have a human rights problem, and I think we need to address that."

### Top Industries Impacted by Removing Immigrant Workers

#1 Meat processed from carcasses	-\$5,295 billion
#2 Animal slaughtering (except poultry)	-\$1,239 billion
#3 Cattle ranching and farming	-\$1,038 billion
#4 Wholesale trade	-\$594 million
#5 Food services and drinking places	-\$563 million
#6 Truck transportation	-\$290 million
#7 New residential one-unit structures	-\$257 million
#8 Animal production (except cattle & poultry)	-\$234 million
#9 Management of companies and enterprises	-\$219 million
#10 Commercial and institutional buildings	-\$215 million

### Total Impact to Nebraska of Losing Immigrant Employment

**\$12,087.72 million**  
in lost production  
and  
**69,159.8 lost jobs**

Source: CULAS Report  
Scott Stevens/The Gateway

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institutions that allows free people to work toward common objectives of common interests and betterment of society. Democracy matters."

Democracy Matters is "an initiative of the college to find ways to better engage students and faculty, staff and community in issues affecting society," said Sara Woods, assistant dean of CPACS. "Everything from social services to politics in general, the way government operates, the arts, culture and diversity."

The event was a part of the college's efforts to more actively involve students in the political and social dialogue, she said.

The Town Hall series is one of the several things that CPACS is involved in. Other items include documentary film screenings, co-hosting the Guns on Campus debate, the poverty simulation held on campus last week and the American Democracy project, a leadership association for college students.

These and other events comprise the initiative launched about six months ago as a part of the celebration around the opening of the new CPACS building and the college's 35th anniversary.

Hagel, who graduated in 1972 with

a degree in general studies, was an appropriate first speaker because there are few Nebraskans more qualified to speak on the issue of democracy, Woods said. High name recognition, his well-respected status, the fact that he's been in Washington and Nebraska and that it is his final year in the Senate give him a unique point of view.

David Klug, a graduate student pursuing a master's degree in the public administration, attended the event "to hear his perspective on the experiences he has had in the last 12 years," Klug said. "It was nice to hear someone of the same party being critical of their own party. It was refreshing. It's nice to hear them speak as an individual, rather than a politician who is preaching the party line."

Hagel spoke for about 35 minutes in a half filled auditorium concerning the role of bipartisan consensus, transparency, a free press and citizens in an open democracy.

"His call for transparency in government and citizens participation was good to hear," said Valerie Boukal, who is in the same degree program as Klug.

Hagel said civic participation is critical to the survival of an open

democracy, and oversight was critical to keep the government working properly.

"Oversight is the institutional responsibility of Congress," Hagel said. "In a government where there is transparency and accountability, society will prosper. It will fix its problems, and it will openly address its challenges."

The event was a success compared to the expectations for the inaugural event.

"It was terrific. We were thrilled, looking at the attendance and the broad participation; we had students there, retired faculty, lots of people from the community," Woods said. "We were just thrilled with the level of participation."

Although Hagel was not compensated for his appearance, some of the events hosted by the college cost a minimal amount of funds, which can be an issue because there is no budget to cover these funds.

The next major event co-hosted by CPACS is part of the Hoagland lecture series and features the speaker Ted Sorensen, a speechwriter for President Kennedy.

The vision is that thinking about politics will get students "more engaged in life here," Woods said.

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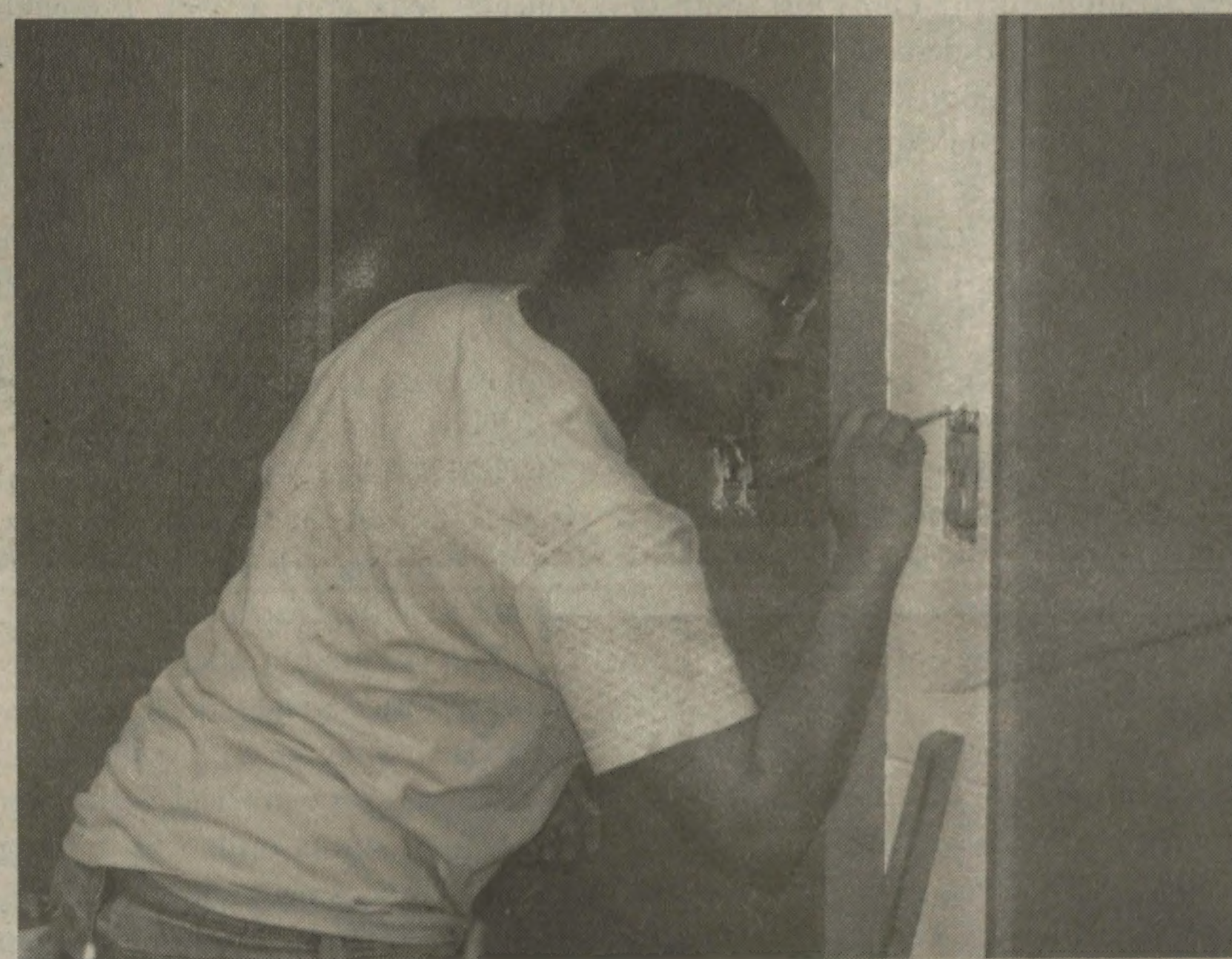
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# 'Three Days of Service' to have a lasting impact



**Top left** - Two sites were selected for this year's Three Days of Service project. Social Settlement, above, is a nonprofit organization that originated as a settlement house for Eastern European immigrants in Omaha; it now offers programs for youth ages 3 to 13 and seniors. Students also volunteered at Viking Ship community center, not pictured.

**Top right** - Shanay Johnson mops the floor of Social Settlement on Tuesday as part of the Three Days of Service project.

**Middle left** - Volunteers work on a pavilion outside Social Settlement Tuesday morning as part of the UNO's and Omaha North High School's Three Days of Service.

**Middle right** - Leah Dale paints around an electrical outlet at Social Settlement, 4860 Q St., as part of UNO's and Omaha North High School's Three Days of Service service-learning project.

**Bottom left** - Morgan Chatmon does some detail painting at Social Settlement on Tuesday as part of the Three Days of Service project.

**Bottom top** - Jani Christensen, wife of UNO chancellor John Christensen, talks to students from UNO and Omaha North High School at the banquet at the Thompson Alumni Center on Tuesday for the Three Days of Service project.

**Far Bottom** - Students celebrate the end of the Three Days of Service project with a banquet at the Thompson Alumni Center on Tuesday afternoon.

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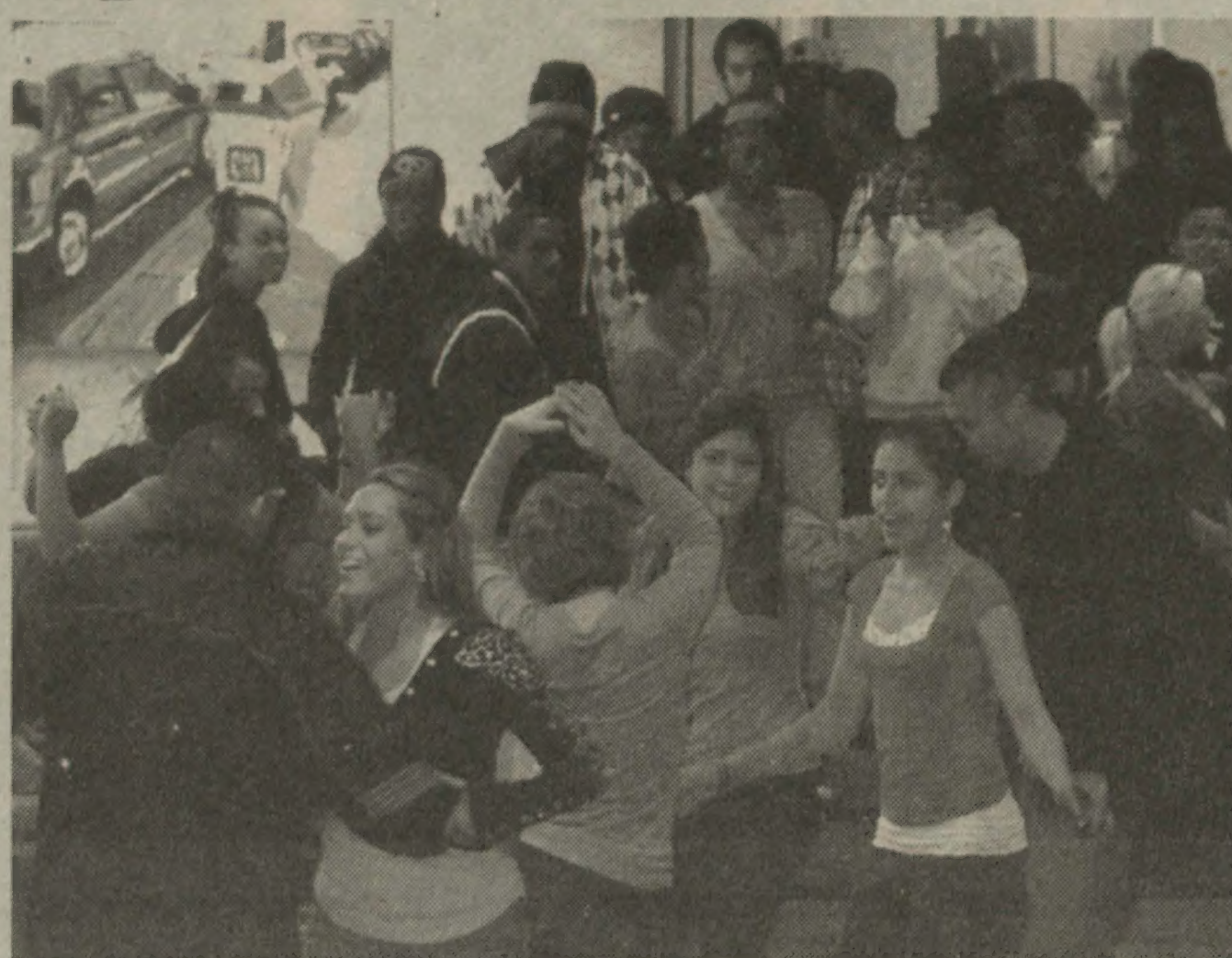
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# Views from around campus: Snapshots of campus events since fall break



Quasi Molto, a barbershop quartet formed by four UNO vocal music education majors, perform Gene Pitney's "Hello Mary Lou" at the Omaha World-Herald Honors Scholarship Banquet at the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom on Oct. 15. The quartet is comprised of Brian Dinkel, Chris Tow, Jonny Mueller and CJ Harden. (SCOTT STEWART/THE GATEWAY)



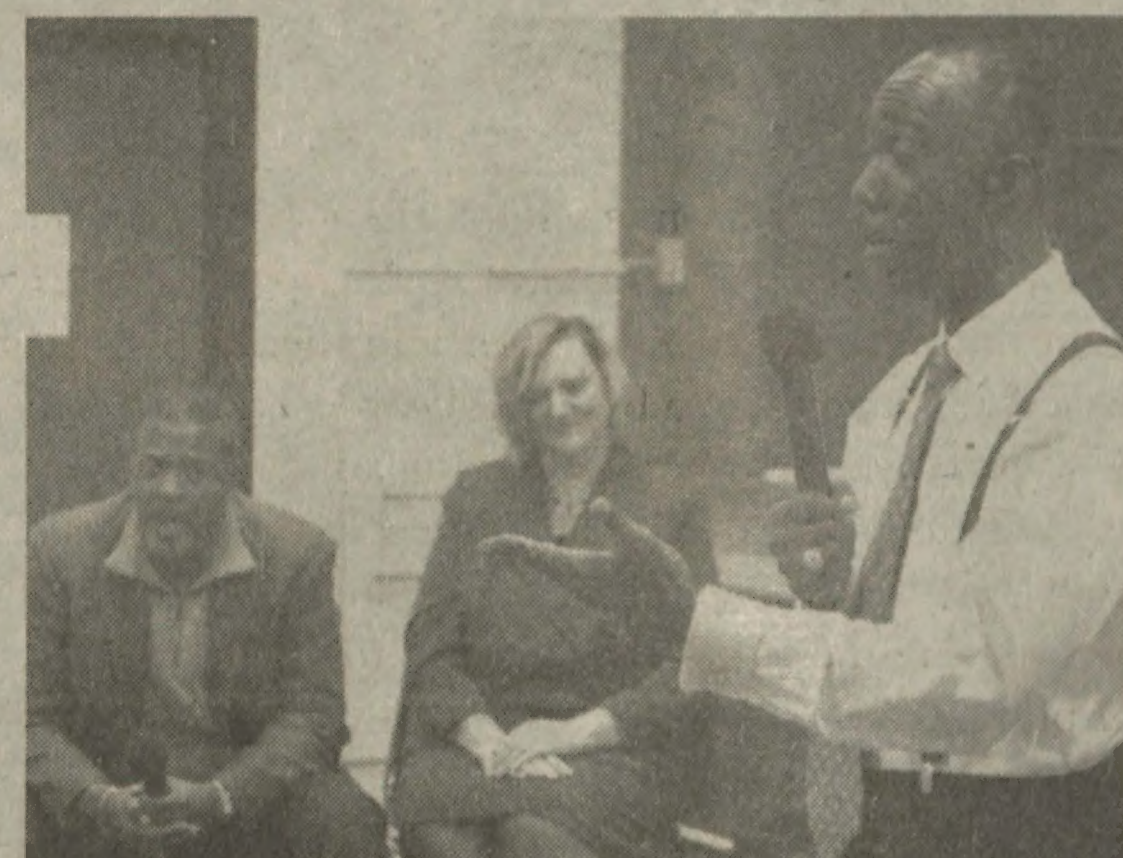
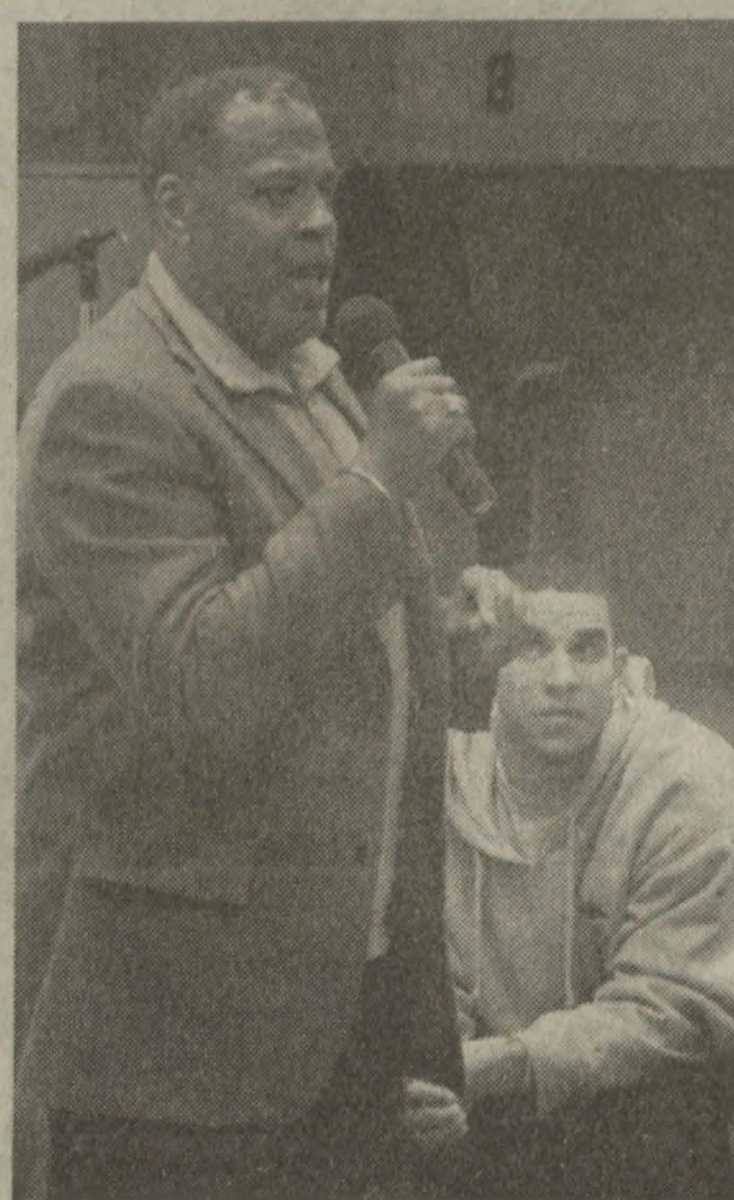
Students participate in a Latin Dance Workshop on Oct. 15, in the Fireplace Lounge of the Milo Bail Student Center. The event, sponsored by American Multicultural Students and Sigma Lambda Beta, was the final activity of Latino Heritage Month, which included the Cinemateca film series, lectures from the Office of Latino/Latin American Studies' Charla series and a musical performance by Sabor. (SCOTT STEWART/THE GATEWAY)



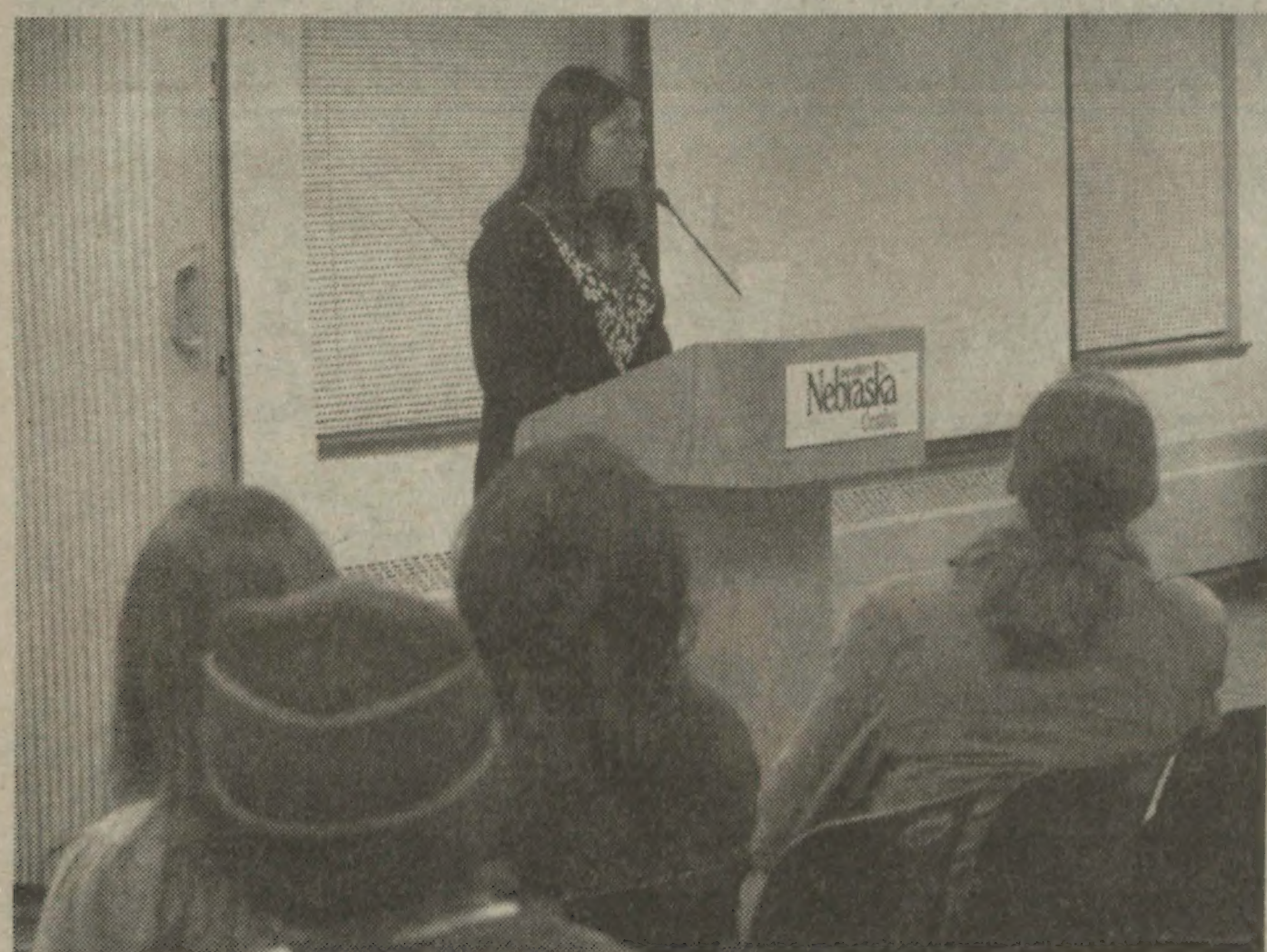
Students discussed the result of the final presidential debate at DebateWatch at the Thompson Alumni Center on Oct. 15. Barbara Pickering, the event's organizer, said she estimated between 125 and 150 people attended the final debate. (SCOTT STEWART/THE GATEWAY)



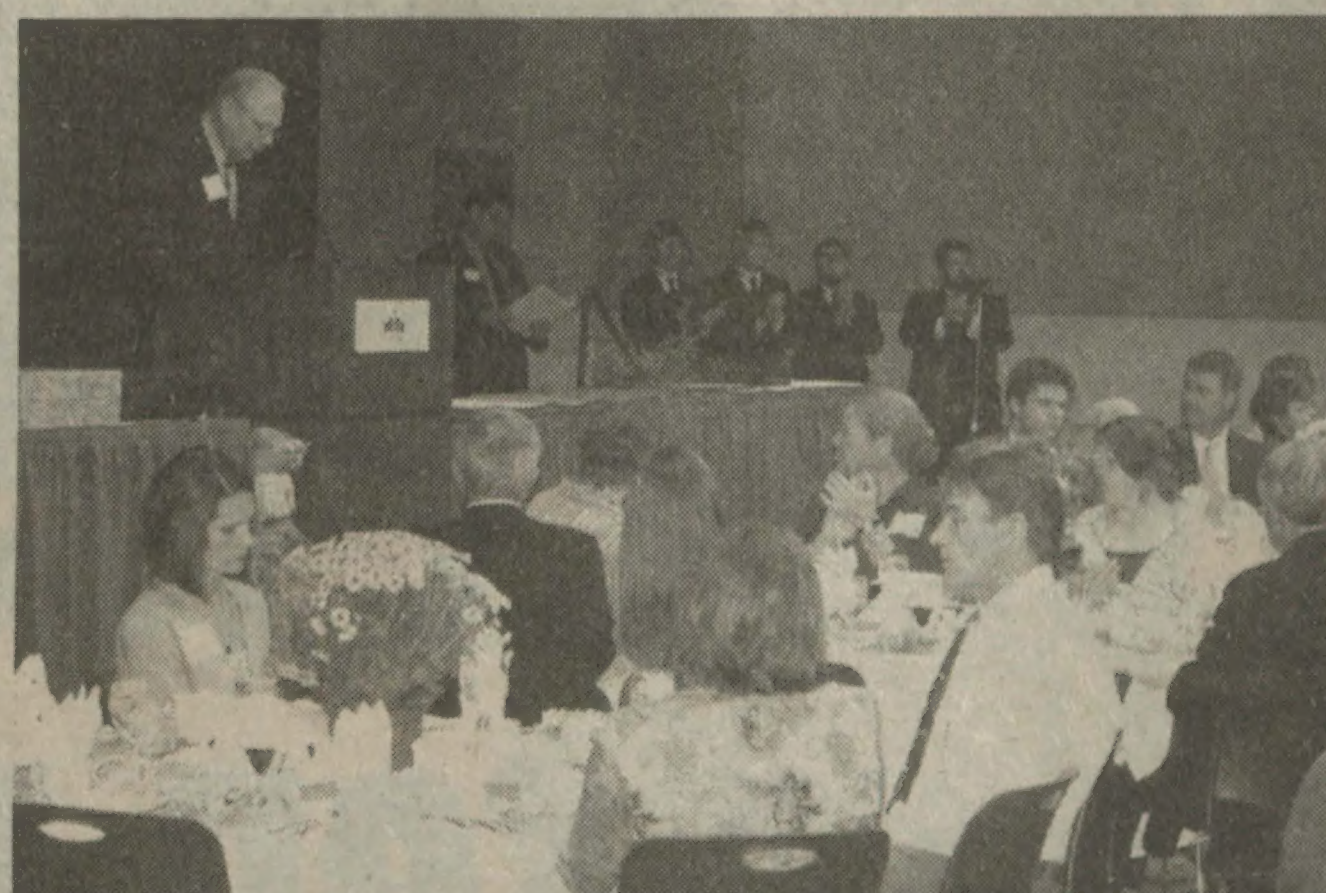
Minky Worden, asks a crowd how many of them have been to China during her lecture titled "China's Great Leap: What Olympic Legacy for Human Rights in China?" on Oct. 16, in the Milo Bail Student Center Dodge Room. Worden is the editor of "China's Great Leap: The Beijing Games and Olympian Human Rights Challenges" and a member of the Council on Foreign Relations. (VALERIE LOSEKE/THE GATEWAY)



Left - Emmy award-nominated actor Meshach Taylor speaks after the screening of the documentary "Ethnic Notions" on Oct. 16 in the Eppley Administration Building Auditorium while student Brandon Byrd looks on. Taylor led a panel discussion on the impact of white racist media on the perception of blacks in American society. The event was part of a new documentary and discussion series hosted by the Black Studies Department titled "What it Means to be 'White': Implications for Media Depictions of Blacks in America." (JARED WESTBROOK/THE GATEWAY)



Joy Castro discusses her memoir "The Truth Book" with students on Oct. 15, in the Milo Bail Student Center Dodge Room. The event was part of the Missouri Valley Reading Series. Two more events are scheduled: novelist Perma Red on Nov. 12 and memoir author John T. Price on Dec. 3. Both of those readings will take place in the student center's Dodge Room at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the College of Fine Arts, Communication and Media at (402) 554-2406. (VALERIE LOSEKE/THE GATEWAY)



Chancellor John Christensen addresses scholarship recipients at the annual Omaha World-Herald Honors Scholarship Banquet at the Milo Bail Student Center Ballroom on Oct. 15. The scholarship recipients are among the high school seniors from Nebraska and Iowa who took part in the UNO Distinguished Scholarship competition last spring. Each of the seven scholarships is valued between \$25,000 and \$31,000 over a four-year period. (SCOTT STEWART/THE GATEWAY)



Left - Chris Prudhon of Power 106.9 FM entices students to register to vote at the Rock the Vote event on Oct. 15 near the Henningson Memorial Campanile. (SCOTT STEWART/THE GATEWAY)

Below - Students gather at the Rock the Vote table to register to vote on Oct. 15 just north of the Henningson Memorial Campanile. (SCOTT STEWART/THE GATEWAY)



Above - Sabrina Anania, left, watches as Amanda Leet helps her prepare a Barack Obama T-shirt for tie-dyeing on Oct. 15 in the Pep Bowl. Martin Plambeck prepares dyes in the background. (SCOTT STEWART/THE GATEWAY)

Right - Sabrina Anania, right, tie-dyes a Barack Obama for president T-shirt while College Democrats Martin Plambeck and Amanda Leet watch on. (SCOTT STEWART/THE GATEWAY)





## Mavs need road win against Central Missouri to keep playoff hopes alive

MICHELLE BISHOP  
PHOTO EDITOR

After suffering their third loss of the season, UNO's playoff hopes are slowly fading.

The Mavs rallied from a 21-point first-half deficit, but couldn't stop No. 13 ranked Pittsburg State on their homecoming, losing 35-28 last Saturday in Pittsburg, Kan.

It looked as if the Mavs were in good position to strike first after Keith Eloi's 38-yard opening kickoff return gave UNO the ball at the 50 yard line. But after driving deep into Pittsburg territory, quarterback Zach Miller's pass to Troy Kush bounced out of his hands and into the arms of PSU strong safety Alex Kuhlman.

PSU (7-1, 5-1 MIAA) marched 81 yards and capped an 11-play drive with a 5-yard pass from quarterback Mark Smith to Caleb Farabi to take a 7-0 lead.

The Gorillas continued to pour it on as they scored on each of their first three possessions. Next, a 45-yard pass from Smith to Marques Nelson and then a 4-yard touchdown run by Farabi capped an 84-yard drive giving PSU a 21-0 lead.

UNO (4-3, 3-3 MIAA) battled back to grab some points before half. Despite three 5-yard penalties, the Mavs strung together 12 plays as Miller finished an 81-yard drive with a dive into the end zone from eight yards out to make it 21-7 at the half.

The momentum appeared to be on UNO's side as the Mavs took advantage of a botched punt by the Gorillas and took over

at the PSU 14 early in the third quarter. Miller found Eloi for a 14-yard touchdown pass on the second play of the drive to climb up 21-14.

PSU tried to answer on their next possession, but was forced to kick a 25-yard field goal, which sailed wide.

UNO needed just seven plays to drive 80 yards to tie the score at 21. Miller kept the ball on a fake pitch on the option and dashed 27 yards to score with 49 seconds left in the third quarter.

With the help of a pair of UNO personal foul penalties - one of which came on a third-and-9 incomplete pass, the Gorilla offense responded on their next drive. Smith capped an eight play, 80-yard drive with a 4-yard touchdown run with 12:33 left.

Pinned deep in their own territory, the Mavs were held to a three-and-out, setting up PSU's final scoring drive from the UNO 38. The Gorillas added to their lead with a 16-yard run from Brandon Clark to make it 35-21 with 7:36 left.

The Mavs formulated an answer as Brian McNeill led the UNO charge by rushing 40 yards on four plays, while Miller got UNO to the PSU 8 on a 9-yard dash.

That's when Kuhlman struck again. After nabbing a first-quarter interception, he deflected an option pitch by Miller and came up with the loose ball to once again halt the UNO offense.

After a defensive stop, the Mavs got one more shot with less than three minutes remaining. Miller connected with Kush



Offensive line coach Conor Riley goes over a play during a game earlier this season. The Mavs head to Warrensburg, Mo. to play Central Missouri Saturday at 1:30 p.m. (MICHELLE BISHOP/ THE GATEWAY)

from 5 yards out to pull within 35-28 with 51 seconds left.

Kuhlman recovered the ensuing onside kick and PSU ran out the clock to get the win in front of 9,533 fans at Carnie Smith Stadium.

Smith finished 11-of-14 passing for 201 yards, scored two touchdowns and added 75 yards rushing. Farabi rushed for 161 yards on 28 carries.

Kuhlman's stellar defensive play and two turnover recoveries earned him MIAA Defensive Player of the Week honors, while Smith picked up MIAA Offensive Player of the Week.

Miller finished with 114 yards on 16 carries and two touchdowns, and was 7-of-10 passing for 73 yards and two scores with

one interception. McNeill finished with 151 yards on 22 carries.

PSU out-rushed the Mavs 266-265 and out-gained UNO in total offense 467-338.

The Mavs remain on the road to face No. 18 Central Missouri (6-2, 4-2 MIAA) Saturday at 1:30 p.m. in Warrensburg, Mo.

The two teams last met in 1998 with Central Missouri winning 42-26 and are tied 2-2 in overall match ups.

Ranked No. 22 entering the game, the Mavs fell out of the Division II Coaches' Poll for the second time this season and now need wins in their final three games to stay in contention for the region's last playoff spot.

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Professor Steinweis received fellowships from the Social Science Research Council, the German Academic Exchange Service, the Fulbright Commission, and the Skirball Foundation. He has taught in Germany, Israel, and England. He received several distinguished teaching awards. In January 2009, Professor Steinweis moves to the University of Vermont to serve as Director of the Center for Holocaust Studies.



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# Hockey starts season 2-0, wins Stampede Championship in overtime

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UNO got the 2008-09 hockey season off to a quality start with a pair of wins in the Mutual of Omaha Stampede and a shutout exhibition win over the University of Manitoba.

Five different Mavs collected goals as UNO continued their dominance over the University of Manitoba on Oct. 13, winning 5-0 in front of 2,944 fans at the Qwest Center Omaha. Senior Dan Charleston and sophomore Joey Martin each recorded a goal and an assist to lead the Mavs.

It only took four minutes for UNO to find the back of the net as junior JJ Kochler beat Manitoba goalie Gavin McHale. Freshmen Jake Skjodt and Ryan Kretzer were each credited with assists on the goal.

After finishing as the nation's top powerplay unit last season, the Mavs continued their success on the man

advantage. With the man advantage, Martin's one-timer off a feed from Charleston gave UNO a 2-0 lead.

Moments later sophomore Nick Von Bokern gave UNO a 3-0 lead off a power play goal at 14:08 in the first period. Martin and freshman John Kemp picked up the assists on the goal.

Both squads stepped up the pace in the second as each team fired 11 shots on goal.

Freshman Matt Smith scored the only goal of the second period at the 15 minute mark, taking a pass from Skjodt and beating Manitoba goalkeeper Gavin McHale to make it 4-0.

Charleston finished off the scoring at 15:14 in the final frame making it 5-0. Sophomore Rich Purslow and junior Jeric Agosta added assists on the play.

The Bison were unable to convert on any of their 10 power plays as all three of UNO's goalies combined to post

the shutout.

Senior Jerad Kaufmann got the start and the victory after stopping all four shots on goal in the first period. Junior goaltender Jermie Dupont faced a barrage of 11 shots, including a couple odd-man rushes, in the second period. In his UNO debut, freshman John Faulkner preserved the shutout in the final period by making six saves.

Even though the Mavs rolled to the win, they know there's room for improvement.

"There were opportunities tonight where we could have scored," Charleston said. "Those games where we're playing Michigan or Miami or Ohio, we need to put the puck in the net or we're not going to win games."

The Mavs controlled play most of the game, outshooting Manitoba 35-21, including a 16-4 edge in shots after the first period. But the Mavs found themselves in the penalty box too often, giving the Bison ten opportunities on the man advantage.

"In both power play and penalty kill we have a lot of work still left to be done, but it's the first night," head coach Mike Kemp said. "Everyone's learning, but we have a lot of work to do. Considering we used a lot of different bodies I'm not going to be too critical about that."

All eight of the Maverick freshman got their first taste of college hockey.

"It was fun, but it was nerve racking at first," Skjodt said. "It was a pretty cool atmosphere, the band and everything was awesome."

UNO's win was the fifth consecutive over Manitoba and in those five games they've won by a combined score of 35-1.

The Manitoba game proved to be a good tune-up as UNO opened the Mutual of Omaha Stampede with a 4-1 victory over American International College. Friday night at the Qwest Center Omaha in front of 5,293 fans.

The Mavs netted all four goals on the power play, finishing 4 for 8 on the man advantage.

Charleston and Rich Purslow each had a goal and two assists in UNO's first win of the regular season.

AIC lit the lamp first after defenseman Mike Little fired a slap shot over the right shoulder of Dupont just 1:19 into the game.

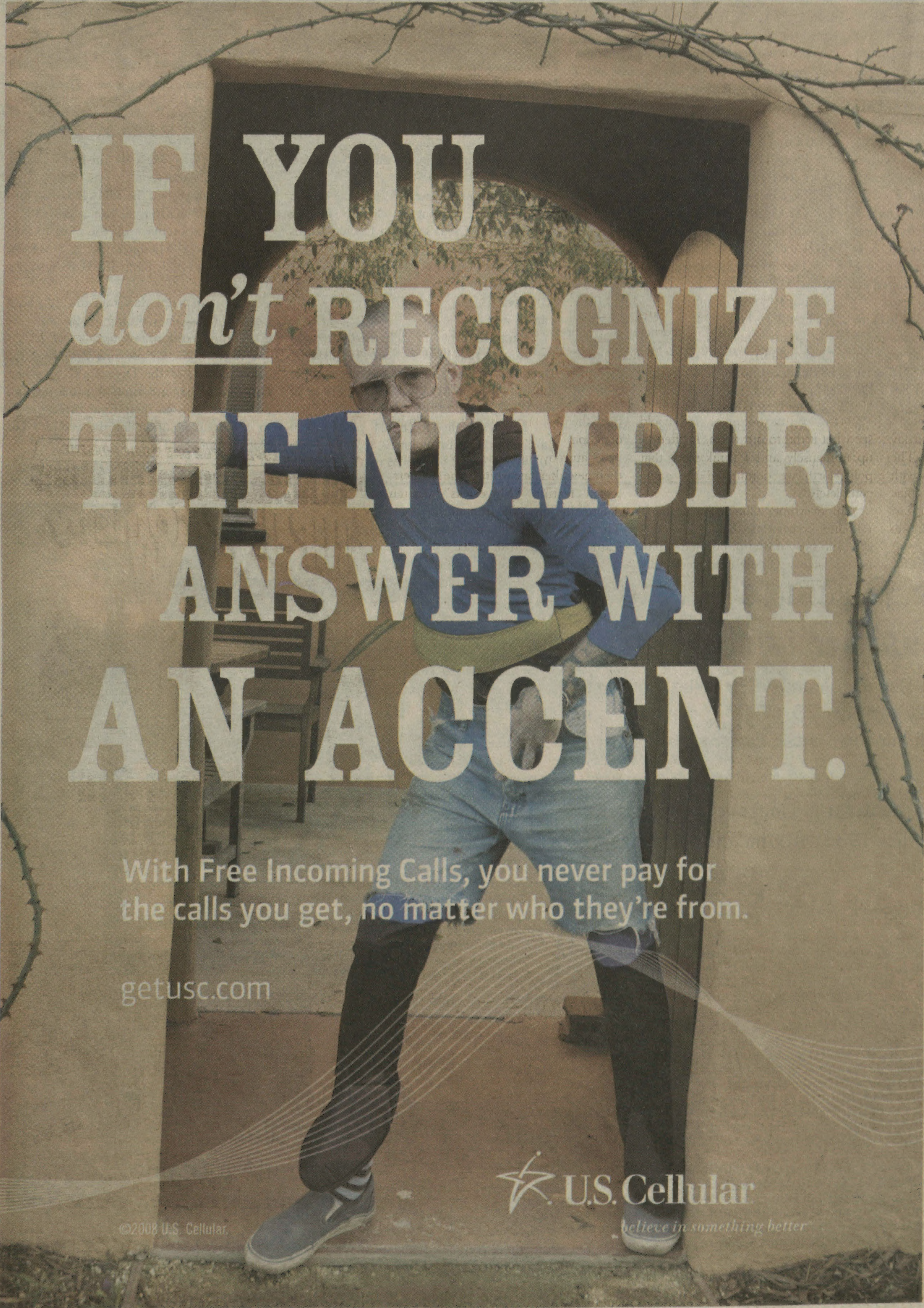
UNO didn't take long to respond as sophomore defenseman Alain Goulet blasted a shot through the five-hole of AIC goalie Dan Ramirez. Charleston and Purslow picked up assists on the first period power play goal.

Again on the power play, UNO took the lead for good after Joey Martin scooped up a rebound and beat Ramirez to make it 2-1 after two periods. Von Bokern and sophomore Eric Olimb chipped in with assists.

Purslow added to the UNO lead when he scored on the power play 12:39 into the third, with assists going to Charleston and junior Eddie DelGrosso.

Charleston capped the scoring with 21 seconds remaining in the third period, converting a pass from

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Purslow and pushing a backhand past Ramirez for a 5-0 lead.

The Mavs finished with a 42-17 shots-on-goal advantage. Dupont picked up the win with 16 saves.

"When you hold teams down to those kind of shot totals, that's a big step in the right direction," Kemp said.

The win moved UNO on to the championship game Saturday night to face Union College. The Dutchmen advanced to the finals with a 6-5 overtime win over Quinnipiac University in the early game on Friday.

The Mavs needed overtime to win Saturday's championship game. A goal by Charleston 4:54 into overtime lifted UNO to a 2-1 victory and gave UNO their second Mutual of Omaha Stampede title in as many years.

"It's a huge victory," Charleston said. "I think everyone in the locker room will tell you the same thing."

Union struck first, scoring in the first period when sophomore center John Simpson picked off a pass in his own defensive zone and beat Kaufmann with a shot high glove side at the 6:38 mark.

After a tight defensive battle, Goulet tied the game midway through the third period with a shot from the point that beat Union goalie Corey Milan.

"I'm a sophomore coming back so I know that I got a big role this year," Goulet said. "I'm just trying to help the

team on the power play and try to score some goals, just be a leader out there.

Goulet was named to the All-Tournament Team defense after scoring a goal in each game over the weekend.

"Going into the third, we said just throw anything at the net, something's going to go through," Kemp said. "When we got that goal you could see what it did to our team. It lifted us up immensely and I think from that point forth we dominated the game completely."

In overtime, Charleston found a rebound in front of the net, faked a shot and beat an out of position Milan for the victory. Charleston dived to the ice Superman style as his teammates mobbed him.

"I got the puck in front of the net and no one was on me," Charleston said. "My eyes were like saucers, an opportunity like that you got to make sure you put it in."

Charleston was named tournament MVP after picking up a pair of assists in Friday's game against AIC and scoring a goal in each of UNO's games. The Central Collegiate Hockey Association announced Monday that Charleston was named the CCHA Offensive Player of the Week for his performance.

UNO out-shot the Dutchmen 32-16, including 17-3 in the third period.

Kaufmann stopped 15 of 16 shots, picking up his first win of the season before 5,494 fans at the Qwest Center.



Left - Goalie Jeremie Dupont hugs Mark Bernier after Dan Charleston's overtime goal that gave the Mavs a 2-1 win over Union College in the championship game of the Mutual of Omaha Stampede Saturday night.

Top right - Kyle Ensign (left) shows Manitoba's Tyler Mistelbacher during the Mav's 5-0 exhibition win on Oct. 13.

Bottom right - The Mavs gather around the trophy after winning the Mutual of Omaha Stampede.

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UNO started the season ranked No. 5 and remained there until a 42-0 loss to No. 3 Northwest Missouri State four games into the season. A double overtime road loss at Truman State the following weekend knocked UNO out of the poll. After the Mavs bounced back to beat Missouri Western 42-14 at home on Oct. 11, they edged back into the poll at No. 22.

With three losses, UNO's chances of finishing in the top six in the region are slim. The Mavs could be one of many teams with three losses fighting for the sixth and final playoff spot in Super Regional Four.

The Mavs are currently not included among the 10 teams in the regional ranking, but two of UNO's three upcoming opponents are. Central Missouri and Nov. 18 opponent

Washburn (6-2, 4-2 MIAA) occupy the fifth and tenth regional spots, respectively.

The Mavs could also qualify for the Mineral Water Bowl, which invites the top MIAA team that doesn't make the Division II playoffs and the top team from the Northern Sun Intercollegiate Conference in the same situation.

The Dec. 6 game is held annually in Excelsior Springs, Mo., about 30 minutes northeast of Kansas City.

Most of the old North Central Conference teams joined the NSIC when the league disbanded after last season. Old foes Minnesota State-Mankato, Augustana or St. Cloud State, as well as Wayne State, could be a possible match up in a potential Mineral Water Bowl.

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# Mavericks open second half of soccer season with two wins, one loss

SCOTT STEWART  
EDITOR IN CHIEF

The Mavericks are three games into the second half of their season and stand solidly at fourth in the MIAA conference and third NCAA Division II South Central Region with a record of 7-4-0 in the conference.

UNO faces an uphill battle to maintain its position or move up in the rankings. After defeating Emporia and Missouri Western again over fall break, the two worst ranked teams in the MIAA, the Mavs dropped their second contest with No. 25 Truman State.

Still left on the Mavericks' schedule are No. 10 Central Missouri, which defeated UNO 3-1 on Sept. 18; Southwest Baptist, third-ranked in the MIAA; Washburn, which defeated UNO 4-3 on Oct. 11; Northwest Missouri, which defeated UNO 2-1 on Oct. 4; and Missouri Southern, which UNO beat 4-1 on Sept. 20.

The team with the best record in the MIAA will be named conference champions, because the conference discontinued its tournament this year in favor of a double round-robin schedule that allowed for greater flexibility.

The top six teams from the South Central Region advance to the first round of the NCAA Division II women's national tournament. The top two teams receive byes and automatically advance to the second round.

On Oct. 16, UNO took the field at home against Missouri Western and held the Griffons to only three shots, including just one shot on goal, for a 4-0 victory.

The Mavs' first goal came in the 17th minute off a cross from Lindsey Nealon that was put in by Hilary Horvatic. In the 20th minute, MaryClaire Murnan put a goal past Missouri Western goalkeeper Jenna Weis off a ball that hit the crossbar and went into the goal. Senior Casey Bigsby was credited with the assist.

In the second half, UNO netted a third goal off a penalty kick taken by Becky Heffling after a tackle by Weis resulted in

a foul. Nealon finished UNO's offense with a goal in the final minute in the top right corner of the goal.

On Oct. 18, the Mavericks continued play at home with a 3-0 shutout of Emporia in front of 307 cheering fans. The shooting differential again was a dominant statistic, with UNO making 24 attempts to Emporia's five.

Scoring for the Mavs started near the end of the first half with two quick goals. The first, by Bigsby in the 42nd minute, came off a shot deflected off an Emporia defender. The second, by Melanie Patrick in the 44th minute, came off a corner kick from Bigsby passed to Patrick by Tara

## South Central Region Rankings

1. Central Missouri (12-1-1)
2. Incarnate Word (10-1-1)
3. Nebraska-Omaha (9-3-0)
4. Southwest Baptist (8-2-2)
5. Texas A&M-Commerce (10-2-1)
6. Truman State (10-3-1)
7. West Texas A&M (12-2-1)
8. St. Edward's (8-2-1)
9. Washburn (10-5-1)
10. Central Oklahoma (9-4-3)

Scott Stewart/The Gateway

Wegehaupt.

UNO finished the game with a goal by Heffling off a cross pass from Mykala Hanson with just under three minutes left in the game.

After the two home victories, the Mavericks took the road to Kirksville, Mo., to face off against nationally ranked Truman State on Monday. The Mavs fell to the Bulldogs 4-1 after being outshot 2-to-1 and collapsing at the start of the second half, allowing three Bulldog goals in the first 13 minutes of play.

Truman State got its offense going off a breakaway goal by Jessica Wiegert in the fifth minute of play. The Bulldogs resumed scoring in the 48th minute with an unassisted goal by Wiegert off a save by UNO goalkeeper Lauren Fox.



Wiegert made the game 3-0 against the Mavs in the 58th minute off a pass from Truman State's Katie Reuck to the front of the penalty box. UNO fell behind four goals a minute later, with Reuck placing a ball past Fox that was passed from midfield by Amy Schnoes.

Wegehaupt finally managed to put UNO on the board with an unassisted goal in the 62nd minute. Wegehaupt's goal came on a header that beat Bulldog goalkeeper

Denise Childress.

The loss brought the Mavericks to 9-4-0 overall so far this season. The Bulldogs improved to 12-3-1 overall.

UNO was scheduled to face off against Washburn on Thursday, but results were not available at press time. On Saturday, the Mavs again take the field at 1 p.m. against Northwest Missouri at the UNO Soccer Field located at the former Chili Greens golf course.



**Above** - Freshman midfielder Melanie Petersen carries the ball as Emporia's Lauren Cathey, left, gives pursuit and UNO's Becky Heffling, right, looks on.

**Top right** - Freshman midfielder Danielle Cheney slides under Emporia's Lauren Cathey while fighting for the ball Saturday at the UNO Soccer Field.

**Bottom right** - Sophomore goalkeeper Lauren Fox clears the ball in Saturday's match against Emporia State.

## Maverick Soccer Results & Remaining Schedule

Opponent	First Match	Second Match
Central Missouri (10-0-0)	Sept. 18 (1-3)	Nov. 8
Truman (8-3-1)	Sept. 27 (2-0)	Oct. 20 (1-4)
Southwest Baptist (7-2-1)	Oct. 2 (1-0)	Nov. 6
Washburn (6-4-0)	Oct. 11 (3-4)	Oct. 23
Northwest Missouri (3-6-2)	Oct. 4 (1-2)	Oct. 25
Missouri Southern (2-8-0)	Sept. 20 (4-1)	Oct. 30
Emporia (1-8-1)	Oct. 9 (2-0)	Oct. 18 (3-0)
Missouri Western (1-10-1)	Sept. 11 (1-0)	Oct. 16 (4-0)

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# Volleyball drops two but bounces back Wednesday night on road in Missouri

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The Mavs volleyball team experienced some setbacks last week, losing against both Augustana and Central Missouri, but bounced back Wednesday night to defeat Missouri Southern.

UNO was off to a strong start against Augustana on Oct. 15 at the Sapp Fieldhouse, taking two of the first three sets, but couldn't repel the Vikings' offensive surge in the fourth. They fell short of victory in the final set, losing 3-2 (20-25,26-24,20-25,25-20,18-16).

Sophomore Kayla Uhing led the Mavs offensively with

17 kills, a career high, along with 14 kills from junior Kelli Goesler.

On the defense, junior Kayla Jansen kept the team in the game with 29 digs, while junior Ellen Thommes played a well-rounded match with 11 kills and seven blocks.

Two nights later at the Fieldhouse, UNO kept the pressure on Central Missouri all four sets, but couldn't get the upper hand on the Jennies, who took the match 3-1 (25-23,23-25,29-27,25-23).

Uhing made 16 kills and scored 18 points for the Mavs. Defensively, Jansen, along with freshman Angie Reicks and senior Annie Rice, landed 16 digs apiece.

Despite an unfortunate week of play, UNO rebounded

and defeated Missouri Southern Wednesday 3-1 (25-17,30-28,18-25,25-18). The Mavs dominated the first set with very few errors and .323 on hitting, but lagged behind the Lions for most of the second before coming back and winning the set.

Missouri Southern came back strong to take the third set, hitting a .567 and landing 21 kills, but lost the final set to UNO due to several errors and .047 in hitting.

Junior Sara Kampschneider led the game all around with 16 kills and 17 digs, with Thommes contributing 12 kills and nine blocks, a career high.

This week of play puts UNO at 10-12 and 6-5 in MIAA play. The Mavs will be back home to face Pittsburgh State on Oct. 24 at the Sapp Fieldhouse.



Right - Ellen Thommes (right) goes up for the block against Augustana on Oct. 15. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)



Left - The Mavs celebrate a point during a set against Augustana on Oct. 15. Former North Central Conference rival Augustana, ranked No. 22 in the nation, fought back from a 2-1 deficit, to record a 3-2 victory over UNO. (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)

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to small schools and urban education."

UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman said in an e-mail to students Monday that he would have resigned sooner than accept an order from the Board of Regents or NU President James B. Milliken to cancel Ayers' visit. The decision, Perlman said, was made by himself, Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs Barbara Couture and Kostelnik.

"The outrage by many Nebraskans was understandable but I think unfortunate to the extent it led them to seek to prevent him from coming," Perlman said. "Most alarming, however, were some responses that were threatening to the security of the campus. As many of you know, we have faculty on this campus who specialize in assessing the level of threat in any situation, and they informed me by e-mail in China that the tone and tenor of the e-mails, the phone calls and the blogs, suggested that the reaction to any Ayers' visit would represent a significant threat to the safety of the campus."

Perlman added that Ayers' visit would have created a "three-ring circus" out of the student research conference, which would have prevented the university from taking advantage of his expertise.

Reaction to the Ayers speech

announcement at UNO's campus on Friday afternoon was generally muted.

Robert Franklin, general manager of KVNO Classical 90.7, said the radio station had received one phone call from a listener upset about the Ayers controversy. Steve Field, associate director of athletic media relations, said he had not heard of any Maverick season ticket holders who had called in.

There was still some cause for concern that the announcement would have had an impact on UNO. In a guest editorial in the Omaha World-Herald Thursday, regent Randy Ferlic called on university supporters to withhold money from the university to respond to the Ayers announcement.

"The invitation of William Ayers to be the keynote speaker at the Nov. 15 centennial celebration of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln College of Education and Human Sciences violates all sensibilities and speaks volumes about the arrogance of University of Nebraska President J.B. Milliken, UNL Chancellor Harvey Perlman and the UNL education faculty," Ferlic said. "There are several ways to protest, but the most effective is a financial moratorium on tax dollars and donations."

The World-Herald also reported on its Web site Friday that the Gilbert M.

and Martha H. Hitchcock Foundation would "halt all future contributions to the university" if Ayers was not un-invited to speak at the conference. A call to foundation president Neely Kountze was not answered on the afternoon of Oct. 17.

The Hitchcock Foundation has contributed money to UNO in the past. One of the foundation's gifts to UNO was in 2005 to help refurbish the Mallory Kountze Planetarium in the Durham Science Center, according to The Gateway's archives. The Physics Department was unable to immediately provide information on the size of the foundation's contribution on the afternoon of Oct. 17.

UNO Television's Web site also lists the foundation as a supporter of its documentaries "Omaha Since World War

II: The Changing Face of the City" (2004), "Westward the Empire: Omaha's World Fair of 1898" (1998) and "The Lost City of Bethsaida" (1997). Details about the Hitchcock Foundation's contributions to UNO TV were not immediately available on Oct. 17.

Several prominent Nebraskans issued statements condemning the decision to invite Ayers in the first place. Among those criticizing the invitation were NU President James B. Milliken, Gov. Dave Heineman, Sen. Ben Nelson, Rep. Lee Terry and Attorney General Jon Bruning.

Look for more about UNO professors' reaction to the Ayers announcement in a future issue of The Gateway. McClatchy-Tribune Information Services contributed to this report.

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CULTURE EDITOR

Imagine going to a job where you get to explore several different career fields, groove to your favorite songs on stage and have money thrown at you by hundreds of screaming women.

For some, this is just a wet dream. But for others like Jordan Lee Dizon, dancing, acting and adult entertaining is a way of life for a Chippendale.

Dizon, the 5-foot-10 Chippendales choreographer and dancer, travels all over the world to bring women a taste of their wildly popular Las Vegas show.

Now approaching its 30th year, Chippendales stopped at the Whiskey Tango bar in Omaha on Oct. 11, 12 and 13. Dizon took a few moments to talk with The Gateway about his career and what Chippendales means to him.

**Just out of curiosity, how many people do you think attended the Oct. 12 show?**

About 300. Last night, it was just like this.

**How long have you been a Chippendale's dancer?**

Eleven years. I'm trying to think how far back — yeah, 11 years. It paid for college, you know, but I make more money doing that. I mean, I have a degree, but I make more money doing this and this is fun.

**Where did you go to school?**

I went to the University of Michigan.

**How did you become involved with Chippendales from there?**

I was home in the summertime in New York, and the New York Chippendales were there. I needed to make some money for school. They had open auditions, and they had like a thousand people there, and they only hired two. I got lucky, I guess.

**Oh, wow. What was your degree in at the University of Michigan?**

Psychology.

**I have to ask: do you have a girlfriend?**

I wish.

**How many hours would you say you typically spend rehearsing and performing?**

Well, the road shows vary. Like today, we just did a run-through — we always do a run-through every day, because each place is different, the size of the stage and everything. I'm the dance captain, so I'm the one who does the choreography. I set the stage, set who's in what acts and stuff like that. It's a lot of time. I mean I do more work before the show than actually in the show.

**Obviously, you guys are all in very good shape. How many hours would you say you spend at the gym per day or per week?**

No one believes this, but hours per week, I'd say I spend less than three hours. After 30 minutes, I'm done. And we eat anything and everything. Trust me. We eat one time, and it's all day. A lot of people think you have to work out for two or three hours. If you know your body, after 30 minutes, you're done. I can't do that hour thing. I'm lazy.

**Could you give me a rundown of a typical day for you?**

A typical day — well, before we came here,

we were in Wichita, Kan. We did a show there, and there were about 900 people there. It was a pretty decent show. The next morning, we always have call times or certain times where we all have to meet. We meet in the morning, eat breakfast, talk about our day coming up, then we travel and get to the place, check into the hotel. Then we come to the club, see the stage and figure out how to set up the show. The guys

the Vegas show that's in this group.

**You guys definitely have some wild fans.**

Really?

**I certainly think so.**

[laughs] Women are worse than men. Oh my gosh. Guys will go to a club and just sit there, look around and that's it. With



Left - Culture Editor Andrea Barbe interviews Chippendales choreographer and dancer, Jordan Lee Dizon, after their performance in Omaha on Oct. 12. (MICHELLE BISHOP/THE GATEWAY)

Bottom - A Chippendales dancer performs during the show (ANDREA BARBE/THE GATEWAY)



go do whatever they need to do. We have a certain time we all need to rehearse, and we rehearse for an hour, or an hour-and-a-half, then go back to the hotel, eat, shower and come back. It's a lot of work. You've got to have a thick skin to do this. I mean your day never stops.

**Without getting too personal here, may I ask how much an average Chippendale dancer gets paid?**

We get a salary plus tips. It varies. Each guy negotiates his own contract, and each guy gets paid differently. So I can't really speak for what they get paid. I know what I get paid, but that's always a no-no. We're not allowed to talk about that.

**As far as tips go, how much would you say you receive a night?**

Again, it varies. Like last night was better than tonight, even though there were more people here tonight. I haven't counted tonight's tips yet. There are some shows where I'll make around \$4,000 to \$5,000 a night just in tips. But there are some shows where you'll only make \$200. So it depends on who's generous and who's not.

**The Chippendales main shows in Vegas are extremely popular. Can you tell me how those performances would compare to the shows on tour?**

Well, we're all one group, but we're all divided. The main group is in Vegas. I did the Vegas show. I just joined this group, in fact, about two weeks ago. The guys on the road actually have it harder because you never know what you're getting into. Each show has to be different because each place is different. The Vegas shows have 15 guys. They run more smoothly because they have so many guys. We only have six here tonight. We do the exact same shows that they do, but with a whole lot less. So being on the road is a lot harder. They have it made; they really do. They live there. They work their regular jobs. And, at night, they go home and go to bed. We either catch a plane or — it's rough. The Vegas show is the show everyone wants to be in. Being the managers of [the touring show], Elvin [Bibiloni] are the only two who stay with

women, I don't know. The way I see it, men act like men 24 hours a day. Women let their hair down once in a blue moon. So that's why they really go all out. Because when we're not here, trust me, they're totally different people.

**With that being said, what's the craziest thing a fan has ever done to you or for you?**

Ripped off my bottoms completely, and I had to walk back to my dressing room completely nude. And it took me 10 minutes to get back to my dressing room. That's how packed it was. That was in Europe, when we did our European tour. We go all over. Trust me, I've seen anything and everything. I've been asked so many things. Trust me. I'm in the process of writing a book. I've seen it all.

**In keeping with our theme here, have you personally had any stalkers or had a coworker deal with that type of situation?**

Oh, yes. I've had some that were like "Fatal Attraction." In Florida, this one girl drove this is funny — she was a real pretty, real nice girl. Here's the thing: when you're dancing, you have to be professional. Well, she would follow us to every tour we had. So she found out that we had a show six hours away, she drove her and her kids all the way over there and her ex-husband followed her. During the show, her ex-husband came on stage and wanted to question me. I'm thinking, "Dude, [laughs] I'm sorry." That's bad.

**What about any wardrobe**

**malfunctions?**

It happened tonight during the officer act. One of the guys forgot to button the button on his pants. One thing about our skits is that you have to be a dancer, you have to have personality, stage presence and you have to be an actor, because if you're a cowboy, you have to act like a cowboy.

**How do you guys keep from getting too excited during your performance?**

That's one of the typical questions we get. The other typical question we get is "Which one of y'all guys is gay?" We get that all the time. Why would people think any one of us is gay? If I was gay, I wouldn't want to dance in front of women, I'd want to dance in front of a guy, wouldn't you think? But the reason people say that is because usually a girl will say, "Hey honey, I'm going out with the girls. We're going to go see Chippendales." It's a defense mechanism. "Oh, you know they're gay, right?" So it makes them feel better. But to get back to your question — what was your question?

**How do you keep from getting too excited?**

Oh, if dancing gets you excited, then there's something wrong with you, if you know what I mean. It's just dancing. It's performing. It's like being an actor. It's like asking Tom Cruise, "How do you get excited doing a scene?" It's acting. You know what I mean?

**What do you guys do to relax after the show?**

I go back to the [hotel] room. I don't go out. This is a job, you know? Everybody has their own reasons for being here. For me, it's because I love dancing. Some people like the variety or the attention. It's different for everybody. Like some of the guys from tonight — they'll probably go out. Elvin and I, we usually just go back to our rooms. I mean, we've been doing this for so long. In New York, we all go out and stay out late, but that was a long time ago. I'm old.

**Is there an age limit on Chippendale dancers?**

They have to be 18 at least.

**Chippendales puts out a calendar each year. How do the guys get chosen for that?**

Ah, that's a good question. It's the guys who are in the best shape. That's what it used to be. I haven't been on the calendar for the past few years, and I'm upset about that. I've been on the calendar for the past nine years, but the last two years I haven't been. I've been trying to fade out from press stuff. I guess that's the reason why. But Elvin's on the calendar. [Mike] Sullivan's on the calendar. He was the one during the show with the five o'clock shadow. Some people think that's sexy, you know? Five o'clock shadow on me looks like I got dirt on my face. I have to shave every day.

**You said you were fading yourself out from Chippendales. What are planning to do next?**

Well, I flip houses on the side. I'd like to settle down. I'd like to meet somebody eventually, you know. You can't do that on the road. I mean, this is fun and it's a living here, but there's always a transition. I'd still like to do choreography from Chippendales, but I can do that at home. I don't have to go all over the world.

**Anything else that you think readers should know about?**

They'll have to wait for the movie.



FROM **CLINTON:** PAGE 1

"I was thrilled to be asked to come here to campaign in Nebraska," Clinton said. "I think this is a historic opportunity for the people of this state to cast their votes for change, for the future."

Clinton attacked the campaign of Republican presidential candidate John McCain, comparing his policies to that of President Bush while also bringing up the accomplishments of her husband, former President Bill Clinton.

"George Bush has practiced what McCain has preached," Clinton said. "It took a Democratic president to clean up after the first Bush president; it's going to take a Democratic president to clean up after this President Bush."

Clinton brought up the issue of privatizing social security and ridiculed McCain for his "fundamentals of the economy are strong" campaign gaffe. Clinton also touched on how the country's economic woes impact college students.

"We've got college students unable to get those affordable loans that they thought were waiting for them," Clinton said.

Addressing local issues, Clinton mentioned Nebraska's potential for alternative energy, including ethanol and wind power. Clinton also referenced Omaha billionaire and investment guru Warren Buffet, saying the Democrats would raise Buffet's taxes while promising a tax cut to a million working Nebraskans.

Buffet, the chairman and CEO of Berkshire Hathaway, had introduced Clinton at a fundraiser luncheon for Girls Inc., which was held Tuesday morning at the Qwest Center immediately before the rally. Buffet has also contributed money to both Clinton's primary campaign and Obama's presidential bid.

Barbara Pickering, graduate chair of the UNO School of Communication, attended both the rally and Clinton's address at the Girls Inc. fundraiser.

"I think it was a good speech," Pickering said about the rally. "She does a great job of putting it into context about what we need to do."

UNO's College Democrats were also on hand for the event. Michael Davis, director of fundraising for the group, said by his count about 15 College Democrats attended the rally.

"I loved it. She got me energized again," Davis said. "I'd like to see this congressional district go blue."

Davis' only complaint was he wished Clinton had said "Omaha" rather than "Nebraska" more often, because "I know the whole state of Nebraska isn't going to go blue," Davis said.

Zach Norman, a member of College Democrats, said he was initially a Clinton supporter in the primary. He was most impressed with the woman who introduced Clinton, a Republican who decided to vote for Obama because of how the Bush administration has handled the economy.

"I'm glad to see that [Clinton's] for Barack," Norman said. "I thought she touched on everything very eloquently."

It wasn't just College Democrats at the rally from UNO, though. Jimmie Pinkham, a recently elected student senator for the College of Arts and Sciences, said he is also a registered Republican who supports Obama.

Pinkham said he was more comfortable with Obama after McCain chose Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin as his running mate.

"I am not a big supporter of Sarah Palin. I wouldn't be comfortable with her being president," Pinkham said. "It's not that I don't like John McCain; I just like Barack Obama better."

The Omaha metropolitan area has seen an unusual amount of attention this campaign season. Palin held a surprise rally for McCain on Oct. 5, where she was presented with a UNO Mavericks hockey jersey by the UNO College Republicans.

Obama held a rally in Omaha last February in advance of the state's first ever Democratic caucus, in which Obama defeated Clinton by more than a 2-to-1 margin.

McCain visited Ashland, Neb., for a fundraiser at the Strategic Air and Space



Hillary Clinton speaks to a crowd at the Qwest Center in Omaha on Tuesday afternoon. Clinton, a senator from New York, delivered a stump speech in support of Democratic presidential nominee Barack Obama. (JARED WESTBROOK/THE GATEWAY)

Museum in July. Independent candidate Ralph Nader also hosted a campaign rally at UNO's campus on Oct. 15.

Nebraska also briefly made national campaign news this weekend with an announcement, and immediate cancellation, of a visit by William Ayers to UNL's campus scheduled for November.

Nebraska's 2nd Congressional District includes all of Douglas County and much of the developed portions of eastern Sarpy County, including the cities of Bellevue, La Vista and Papillion. In Douglas County, President Bush received 58.3 percent of the vote in 2004, with Sen. John Kerry receiving 40.2 percent. In Sarpy County, Bush received 68.9 percent while Kerry managed 29.9 percent.

Given the 2nd District's historical record, winning over Republicans and independents will be crucial if Obama hopes to carry the district. Obama has

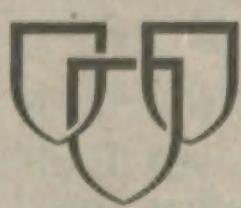
opened three campaign offices in Omaha: one in midtown, one in North Omaha and one in West Omaha. McCain currently has no Omaha offices.

"We want to unite our country, and we are looking for not just Democrats and independents, but Republicans as well, to be part of making the change that our country so desperately needs," Clinton said.

Despite the unprecedented attention Omaha is receiving in the race, Clinton acknowledged the uphill climb the Democrats have to make to split the state's electoral votes.

"I've probably seen more McCain/Palin signs in Omaha than I've seen in America," Clinton said. "This election is too important for anybody to be on the sidelines."

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# Best/Worst Halloween Movies

COMMENTARY BY  
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It's that time again. Halloween, the best holiday of the year, is right around the corner, and what better way to get the mood than by watching a scary movie. Here's a list of creepy flicks worth watching to get your heart pounding and your hair standing on end:

## 'The Thing' (1982)

John Carpenter directs this film filled with paranoia and the most gruesome special effects of its time. Researchers discover that their Norwegian camp as been infiltrated by an alien organism that can manipulate its form into any shape it desires. The men become psychotic with distrust and focus on killing each other rather than the alien trying to eat them.

This film has aged well and displays non-computer aided special effects that will still astound viewers into gagging. As a bonus, this thriller stars Kurt Russell and is written by actor Burt Lancaster's son, Bill.

## 'Nightmare on Elm Street' (1984)

A child molester seeks his revenge from beyond the grave in this haunting tale.

the mill, wise-cracking psychopath with a knife.

During a time when most slasher movies starred brooding and silent villains, "Nightmare on Elm Street" provided its audience with a monster that had personality and a score to settle.

While preying on his victims at their most vulnerable moments, Krueger haunted viewers unlike any other horror miscreant at the time, because everyone has dreams and nightmares. Just be sure to see this flick before you see director Michael Bay screw it up with his unnecessary remake.

## 'Dawn of the Dead' (1978)

Zombie movies do not get any better than this, folks.

George A. Romero's sequel to "Night of the Living Dead" is one of the most successful independent films of all time. With the world overrun by the flesh-eating undead, four survivors find refuge in a shopping mall after purging it of the ghouls inside. The mall becomes their prison as swarms of zombies now clamor around the mall, waiting to feast on them.

There is no sight more unsettling than seeing a human being torn apart and devoured by other human beings like a bucket of Popeye's chicken. This is a warning to those with a weak stomach: there's blood and gore by the bucket load.

## 'The Exorcist' (1973)

A Halloween compilation such as this cannot be made without "The Exorcist." This chilling movie has it all: demonic possession, projectile vomiting and Catholicism. Linda Blair plays Regan, a little girl who begins exhibiting strange behavior.

At first, her mother believes it is just an illness; but all the hospital tests, which include several uncomfortable and vulnerable scenes, come back as inconclusive.

After seeing Regan show inexplicable behavior like crab-walking down the stairs and spewing blood, her mother calls on a priest, who believes Regan is possessed by the

devil.

Based on the true story of the last Catholic Exorcism in the U.S., "The Exorcist" invokes a primal sense of fear in the supernatural and of the spiritual.

## 'The Shining' (1980)

Jack Torrance, played by none other than Jack Nicholson, takes a job as the winter caretaker at the Overlook Hotel in Colorado. Even though he's told that the last caretaker went insane with cabin fever, chopped his family to pieces with an axe and then committed suicide, Torrance accepts the job and brings his wife and son Danny along for the ride.

As the plot thickens, Danny discovers he has a psychic talent known as the "shining" while his father's sanity begins to diminish and ghosts of past hotel patrons appear.

This movie won't have most leaping out of their seats in terror, but it's defiantly filled with unsettling imagery that will stay on viewers' minds long after the credits are done rolling.

However, we cannot highlight the good movies without taking a moment to mention the truly horrible ones that are more-or-less good for a laugh than a fright. The few to avoid are:

## 'Prom Night' (2008)

The best thing about this movie is that it's only 89 minutes long.

An obsessed teacher stalks student Donna Keppel while she and her friends try to enjoy their senior prom. Knowing that her parent's killer is on the loose, Keppel's guardians still let her go to the dance.

Filled with off-screen murder and some of the worst acting I've seen since eighth grade drama class, it's not even bad enough to laugh at.

While these kinds of movies don't have to make perfect sense, this one leaves viewers wondering why and how.



At one point, the killer stuffs a body into the ventilation shaft in the hotel room for the police to find. How could he possibly have done this? Did he grab a ladder from the construction site down below? How does a 180-pound man lift another 180-pound man up a ladder into a square hole in the ceiling a foot wide? That's the supernatural ability of the killer in this movie: to make my head hurt when trying to consider his actions.

## 'The Ruins' (2008)

In "The Ruins," five rich white teens go to Mexico for a spring break filled with drinking, dancing on the beach and tanning by the pool. It's fun to count how many times the girls' sunglasses change or outright disappear between shots of the same scene.

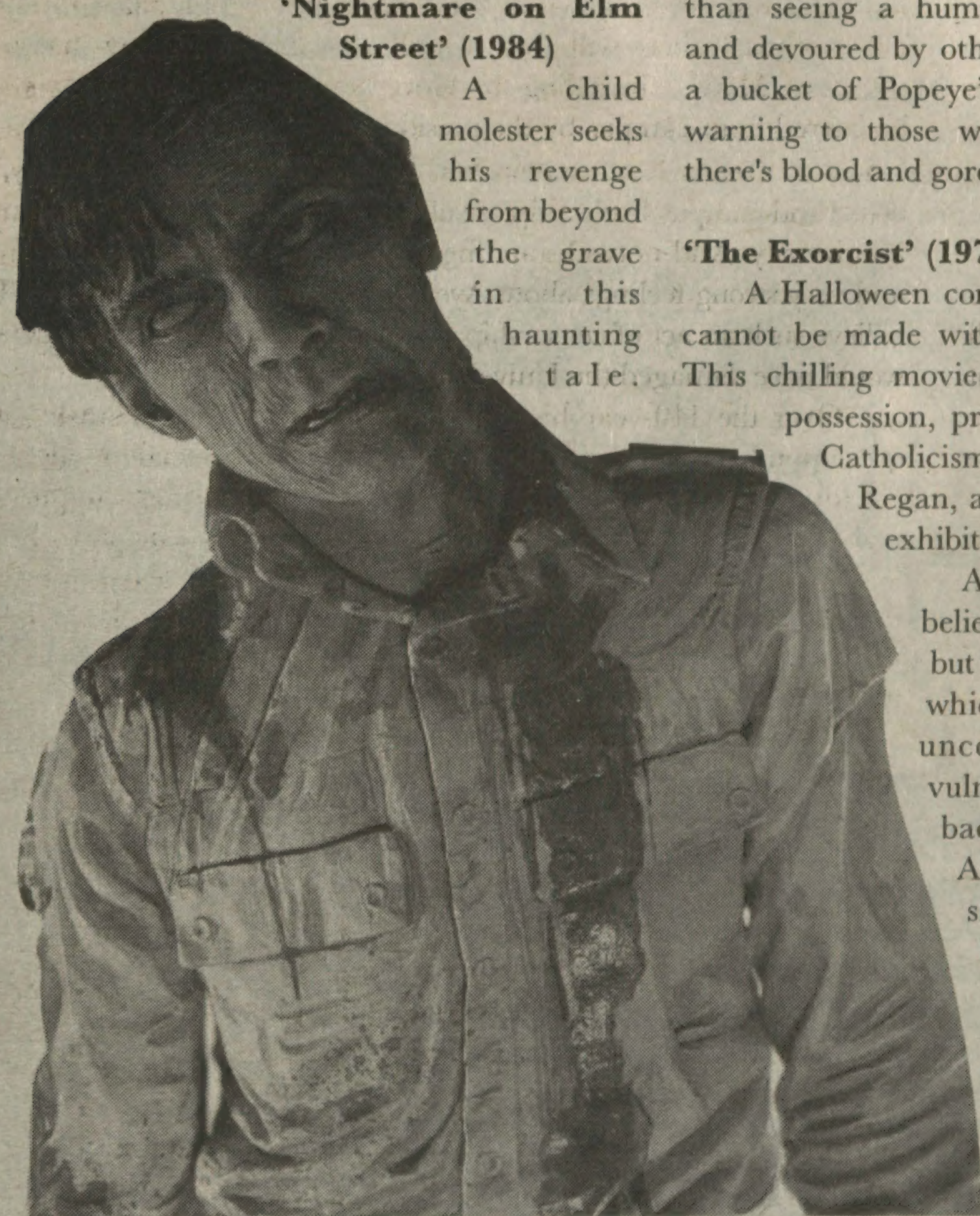
Wanting to see the sights, the group travels into the jungle and stumbles upon an archeological dig with pyramids covered in strange weeds. The locals come out and shoot at the teens, who retreat to the top of the structure. If they try to come down, they are shot. The locals refuse to help them in any way and merely camp outside the ruins, waiting for the main characters to either starve to death or succumb to the monster within the dungeon below. When it's time for the big reveal, the monster that inflicts terror on the locals is none other than plants. Blood drinking sentient plants.

## 'Jason X' (2001):

What was the Friday the 13th series about? It's about an unstoppable killer in the woods chopping promiscuous campers into pieces with a machete.

Now take this idea 500 years into the future. Replace the flirty campers with flirty astronauts and replace Jason's trademark hockey mask with a metal face plate. Now you have "Jason X," with the highest body count of 28 kills in the Friday series.

The U.S. military abducts Jason, puts him in a time capsule for 500 years and gives him cybernetic upgrades. He then breaks free and murders almost the entire crew. One has to wonder how these films even get made.



## Punk rock band Against Me! returns for high energy, electric show

COMMENTARY BY  
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I had been waiting for this show for a long time. Rock band Against Me! was finally returning to the metro after last year's tour with the Foo Fighters and Serj Tankian. I missed that show because I don't like the Foo Fighters and the tickets were expensive. When I heard that Against Me! was coming back, I bought a ticket the night they were first available.

The Oct. 20 show was at Slowdown, which had a great atmosphere for listening to music and hanging out with friends.

The opening bands, Future of the Left and Ted Leo and the Pharmacists, each did an amazing job getting the crowd pumped

up. Future of the Left brought a really distinct sound. Being that the band was from Wales, they sounded different, yet mind-blowing. They got really into the music, which made for a good show. On the last song, bassist Kelson Mathias stepped off the stage and played among the crowd. Everybody went wild, taking pictures and patting him on the back.

Ted Leo and the Pharmacists were up next and didn't seem to hinder the mood at all. They're a relatively popular band and I can see why. Seeing them live made me want to go out and buy their CD. The music they played got everyone jumping around and throwing their hands in the air.

After their set, a restless crowd waited for the arrival of Against Me! Sound check

seemed to go on forever. A slight chant erupted from the audience as they got more and more impatient. After what seemed like an eternity, four guys in black walked out and everyone went wild.

Red lights broke the darkness as the band kicked off what turned out to be an amazing set. People were crowd-surfing up to the stage and singing with the band until security pushed them off. The guys in the band laughed and enjoyed the admiration.

For the last song, Against Me! performed "Thrash Unreal." They put their hearts and souls into it, ending the night on a good note.

Moments after they walked off stage, people started calling for an encore. The band slowly walked back out and played a three-song set with just as much energy as the first.

Against Me! has become one of my favorite bands. This was one of the highest energy shows that I've ever seen. From the first note played until the end of the encore, it was an amazing concert. It was a great way to spend an otherwise boring Monday night.





## Ayers cancellation 'most responsible' of alternatives



**Editor's Note:** What follows is an e-mail sent out to UNL students from Chancellor Harvey Perlman on Monday. It was provided to *The Gateway* by two UNL students.

Dear Students:

I regret that during the controversy regarding William Ayers' visit to campus, I was in China and thus largely absent from the discussion. I am this morning meeting with the media.

I believe the controversy about Bill Ayers visiting this campus was heightened by a confluence of events which no one really could influence or predict. In February of this year, the College of Education and Human Sciences selected a speaker for its annual student research conference. The topic was "qualitative methodology" and the committee eventually decided to invite William Ayers, a nationally recognized scholar in the field. In the 1960s Ayers engaged in violent acts in protest of the Vietnam War, for a while was a fugitive from justice, and eventually turned himself in. Prosecution of Ayers for these crimes was unsuccessful.

This year the research conference featuring Ayers coincided with a weekend in which the college also scheduled some significant events in its celebration of its centennial. Since the college expected alumni to be visiting the college, they were also invited to the conference, although the signature event for the centennial celebration was a dinner at which Ayers was to play no role.

Although Ayers' selection was widely known in the college for some time, it came to the public's attention only a few days ago in the midst of him having become a central figure in a bitterly contested presidential election. Given the national focus on his past and the appearance that his visit to Lincoln was related to the election, many people in Nebraska were furious. Although I do not agree with this reaction, I can understand it and the concerns expressed. Given Ayers' background, reasonable people could regard him with disgust, yet our traditions permit individuals to speak, even if their backgrounds or ideas are objectionable. Nebraskans care deeply about their university. We cannot have a great university if the selection of speakers, faculty, curriculum, or activities is governed by the passions of the moment or even the views of the majority.

I want to emphasize one point as strongly as I can. I do not think the selection of Ayers to come to Lincoln to address a student research conference on research methodology was in any way inappropriate. He is an acknowledged scholar, a tenured faculty member at the University of Illinois Chicago, and a high ranking officer in the association dealing with this type of research. He was named "Chicago Citizen of the Year" in 1996 and has worked tirelessly to improve the Chicago public schools. Ayers has spoken at more than 70 universities, including Iowa State, North Dakota State, Indiana, Purdue, the

University of Missouri, and Michigan State. In the final accounting of his life, there will be very negative entries for his conduct 40 years ago and there will be more current positive entries as well.

Much is made of the "fact" that he has not repented for his acts of violence. The evidence of whether he has expressly done so is uncertain, which could lead reasonable people to think he had not. It is clear that he currently leads a responsible life, one apparently devoted to improving the lives of school children in Illinois and in the nation. Repentance can come by deeds as well as by words.

The outrage by many Nebraskans was understandable but I think unfortunate to the extent it led them to seek to prevent him from coming. Most alarming, however, were some responses that were threatening to the security of the campus. As many of you know, we have faculty on this campus who specialize in assessing the level of threat in any situation and they informed me by e-mail in China that the tone and tenor of the e-mails, the phone calls, and the blogs, suggested that the reaction to any Ayers' visit would represent a significant threat to the safety of the campus. Moreover, it could create an environment that would prohibit the University from taking advantage of his expertise. The student research conference would turn into a three-ring circus. After consultation between Barbara Couture, myself and Dean [Marjorie] Kostelnik, it was decided to cancel his visit. There are some who are skeptical of this explanation for the cancellation and believe we were ordered by the Board of Regents or President Milliken to cancel the visit. I can assure you that we were not ordered to cancel the event and that I would resign before following such an order.

I find it difficult to accept that the actions of a few individuals can deprive this university of its right to select speakers who can contribute to the education of our students. Nonetheless I take seriously the responsibility I have for the safety of members of this community, particularly the students. It seemed cancellation was the most responsible action.

This university has always been able to invite and to host controversial speakers from all walks of life and all matters of persuasion. It is unnerving that the apparent escalating passion and violence of recent years makes the exercise of our traditional values more difficult. Once these events came together, there appeared to be no good alternative available. I hope you will understand. I am convinced this was an unusual circumstance, one unlikely to repeat itself. I am a strong believer in our students' and faculty's right to determine for themselves who should be invited to campus to speak. But I also have a responsibility for the safety of this campus. Once these events came together, there appeared to be no good alternative available. I hope you will understand.

**Harvey Perlman**  
Chancellor, UNL

## Free expression important to University of Nebraska



**Editor's Note:** What follows is an op-ed piece distributed to media by NU President James B. Milliken on Sunday.

The announcement this week that William Ayers had been invited to speak at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln generated an enormous outpouring of public opinion, most of which has been critical of the university. I understand the

reactions of many people to Ayers's scheduled appearance, and I share their view of Ayers's past actions.

It has by now been widely reported that the invitation was extended by the College of Education and Human Sciences last February, well before Ayers's notoriety was elevated in this year's presidential campaign. Also, it is a fact that Ayers holds a distinguished professorship at one of the nation's outstanding public universities, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and that he is considered a leading expert by those in his field. I have no doubt whatsoever Ayers was invited by the College – based solely on his academic achievements – to present a scholarly lecture.

Those involved in planning the event made a decision to cancel Ayers's appearance. So the immediate controversy no doubt seems over for many, especially those outside the University, but some very important issues remain. As uncomfortable as this experience has been, it serves as an important reminder that universities are founded on, and owe their success to, the principle of open exchange of ideas, free from political or popular pressure. Free expression is a foundation of our democracy itself, which depends on more speech, not less, to inform thoughtful decisions. And this principle is tested most strenuously when the speech is most objectionable.

This will not go down as the University's or our state's finest hour, although there will always be disagreement over why that is the case. Many – including the Governor – suggested that Ayers be barred from campus by the president or the Board of Regents. I believe that such an action, which would override the faculty, dean, and campus leadership, would not have been appropriate at a university. And notwithstanding overwhelming popular opinion and very strong feelings about Ayers' reprehensible terrorist acts, I believe such an act of censorship by the University system's leaders would have damaged the University.

Over the 140-year history of the University of Nebraska, a great number of individuals with highly controversial opinions, teachings and personal histories have spoken on our four campuses – not so that we may embrace or endorse their ideas or pasts, but so that students can be exposed to many ideas and learn critical thinking, faculty can explore and challenge ideas and scholarship, and the entire University community can be exposed to diversity of thought. This is the essence of a University.

The United States was founded on principles of freedom of expression. That is among our greatest strengths as a nation, and that must be among our strengths as a university.

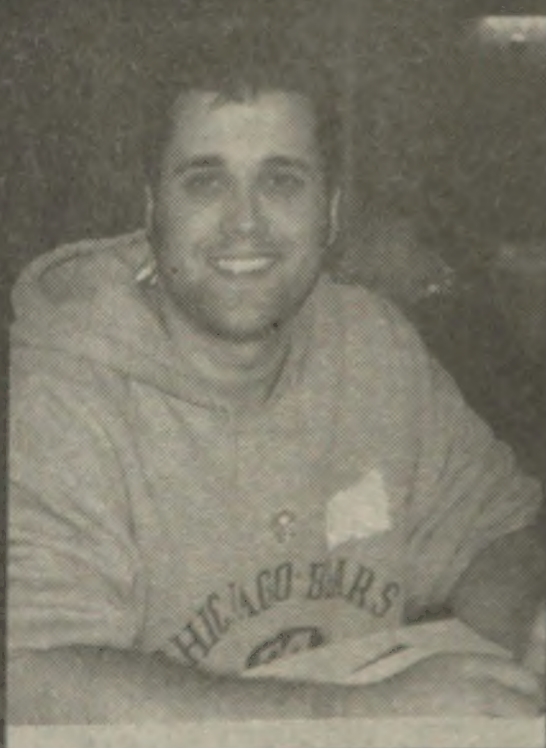
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## MAVERICK VOICES: FINAL PRESIDENTIAL DEBATE

The Gateway talked with attendees at last Wednesday night's DebateWatch at the Thompson Alumni Center to see who they felt won the final presidential debate between John McCain and Barack Obama and whether they felt McCain improved his position against Obama in the debate.

**RYAN SYREK**

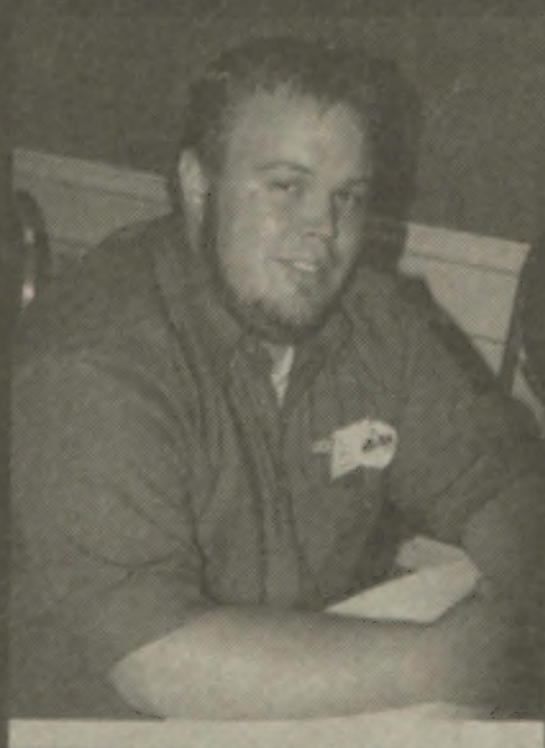
community member, editor for Web M.D.



Winning is a tough question. Obama won in the sense that he achieved what he needed to achieve. I felt like McCain was aggressive to a fault. He seemed desperate.

**NICK BOHAN**

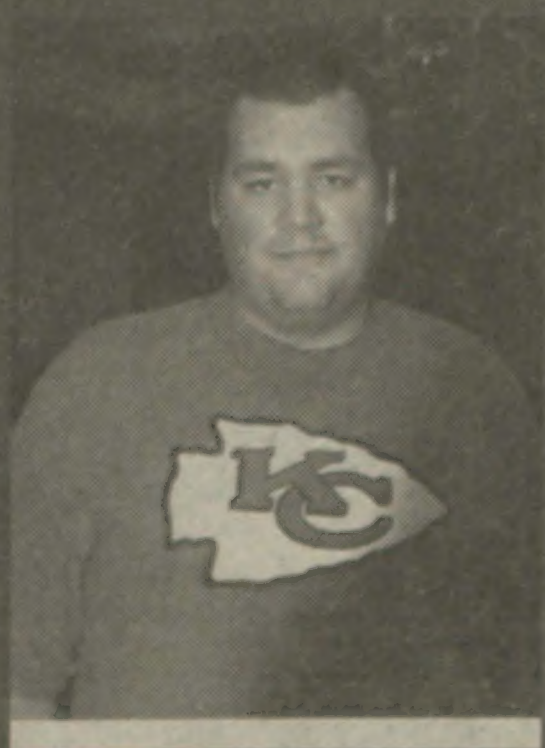
junior, communication



I don't like to pick a winner. To me, a winner of the debate doesn't come down to personal views. I think McCain probably improved on his views more than Obama did.

**TOM DIETRICH**

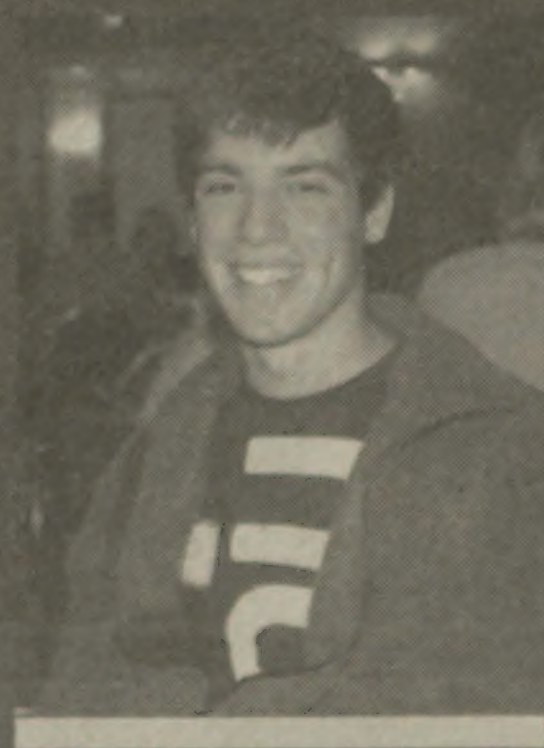
senior, management



I would say there was no clear winners. I honestly don't think McCain improved his position.

**DREW KAMBACH**

freshman, music education



I thought it was more back and forth. I don't know if there was a clear winner in this one. I can see [McCain's position] improve. I think some people like the stronger and more aggressive position that [McCain] took.

**STEPHANIE MYERS**

freshman, criminal justice



I think Obama won the debate. John McCain lost his cool in the debate on some of the questions.

**KATIE KASIK**

freshman, undecided



Obama [won]. I think he just presents his points more clearly and makes his points. I think [McCain] is still down.



# Mav-Rec

## Campus Recreation

## Health, Physical Education and Recreation Building Hours

Monday - Thursday: 6:30 AM - 11:00 PM

Friday: 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Saturday: 8:30 AM - 7:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 PM - 10:00 PM

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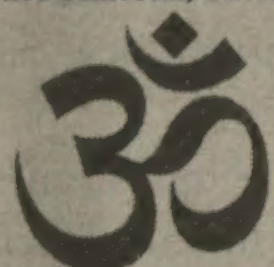
#### Fitness & Wellness

#### Fall 2008 Instructional Classes

### Yoga

**Dates:**  
Mondays from Oct. 13th through Dec. 8th  
(no class on Monday Oct. 20th)

**Instructor:**  
Bart Cubrich, Certified through the Wellness Connection



**Location:**  
HPER 203

**Time:**  
5:30-7:00pm

**Cost:**

Students - \$20 for 8 weeks (approx. \$2.50/class)  
Faculty/Staff - \$25 for 8 weeks (approx. \$3.00/class)  
Non-Activity Cardholders & Gen. Public - \$30 for 8 weeks  
(approx. \$3.75/class)

**Register:**  
At HPER 100 or call 554-2539

### Fly Fishing 101

**Dates:**  
Sunday October 26th and Sunday November 16th

**Instructor:**  
Mike Kelly, FF Certified Casting Instructor since 1997; HGPC  
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**Location:**  
HPER 110

**Time:**  
12:00-6:00pm

**Cost:**

Students - \$60 for one 6-hour session  
UNO Cardholder - \$80 for one 6-hour session  
Non-Cardholders & Gen. Public - \$100 for one 6-hour session

**Other:**  
Bring a sack lunch; Limited to 10 participants

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### Youth Golf Lessons

**Dates:**  
Saturdays from Nov. 1st through Nov. 22nd (4 classes total)

**Instructor:**  
Coach Tim Nelson and the UNO Women's Golf Team

**Location:**  
HPER 230

**Time:**  
BEGINNERS: 10-11am  
INTERMEDIATE: 11am-12pm

**Cost:**

\$15 per child for UNO Activity Cardholders  
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**Dates:**  
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**Times:**  
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**Cost:**  
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#### Session 2 Sports

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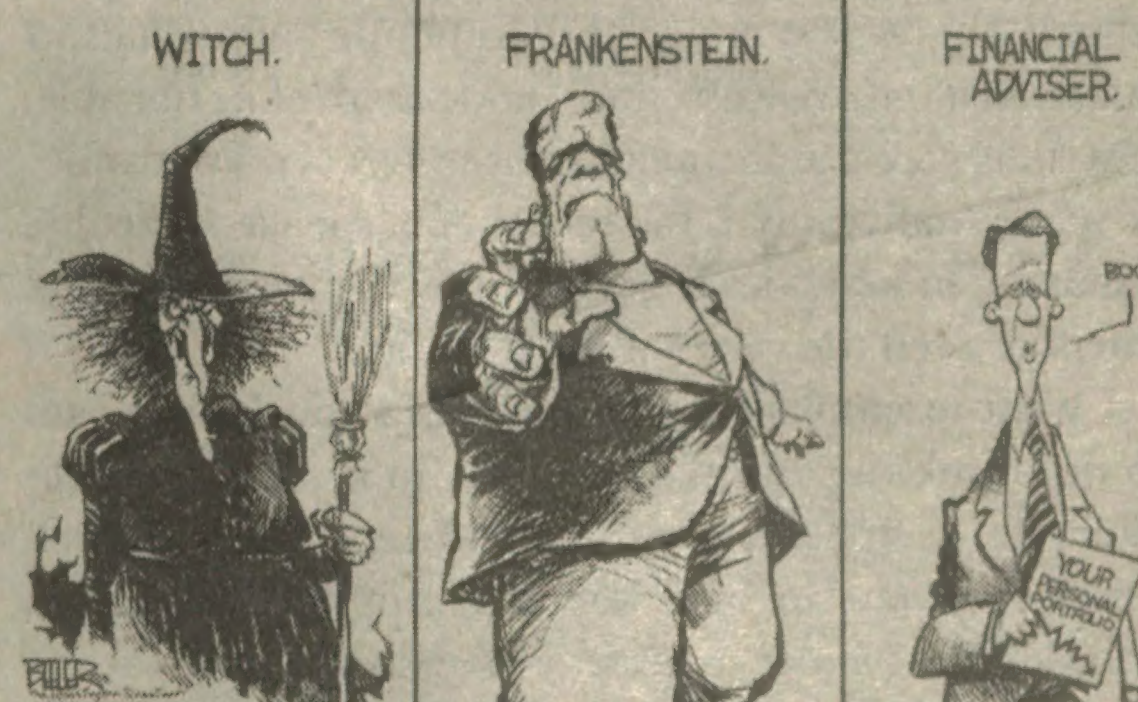
- 5x5 Basketball
- 6x6 Volleyball
- Floor Hockey
- Racquetball Singles
- Pre-Season BB Tournament
- Wii Tennis
- Sports Trivia
- Water Football
- Wrestling Meet
- College Bowl Pick'em

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#### SCARY HALLOWEEN COSTUME IDEAS....



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